

THE
ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION,

LANCASTER :

FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

FIFTY-NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT.

God help the Imbecile ! more dark their lot
Than dumb or deaf, the cripple or the blind ;
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.
Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o'erlooked ? Shall Charity pass by—
Leave them to perish—with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !

REGISTERED OFFICE :
THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION, LANCASTER.

TELEPHONE 21.

BRANCH OFFICES :
9, ALBERT SQUARE, MANCHESTER ;
19, COMMERCE CHAMBERS, LORD STREET, LIVERPOOL ;
38, PARK ROW, LEEDS.

Medical Superintendent : W. H. COUPLAND, L.R.C.P.Ed., &c.
Secretary : SAMUEL KEIR, F.C.I.S.

NOVEMBER, 1923.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION AT LANCASTER the sum of _____ free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER or other proper officer for the time being of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] _____ free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Institution at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

** Formerly a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

VOTING REGULATIONS.

Each County shares in the benefits of the Institution in proportion to the amount of its contributions, and the CENTRAL COMMITTEE most earnestly APPEAL for DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS, in order that full advantage may be taken of the accommodation, which has now been increased to 800 beds.

Free patients are periodically elected by the votes of contributors, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re-election for a further period.

At every election to fill vacancies for their respective Counties, Donors and Subscribers are entitled to one life-vote for every five guineas given in donations, and to an annual vote for each half-guinea subscribed annually by them to the funds of the Institution. For higher sums the votes increase in the same proportion. Smaller amounts are gratefully received.

Every Secretary of a County or Local Committee, and every Secretary, Treasurer or District Receiver of a Ladies' Association, receives two votes for services in such capacity; and each Collector of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum is entitled to one vote for collecting, and to an additional vote for every £2 12s. 6d. collected annually in subscriptions and donations.

Collecting books may be had on application to the Secretary. Annual subscriptions are renewable on the first day of January or July, and continue until their cessation is notified. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; or to the General Treasurers, the Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company, Limited, LANCASTER. Early intimation of money paid into Local Banks should be sent to Mr. Keir, in order that the usual official acknowledgment may promptly be made.

The Royal Albert Institution is open for Inspection
on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2018 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b3030152x>



THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION

P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION was established in 1864 for the care, education and training of the improvable feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. It was erected and is supported by voluntary contributions, and patients are admitted both FREE BY ELECTION and also, WITHOUT ELECTION, AT RATES VARYING FROM 40 TO 250 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. Votes are allotted to subscribers and donors according to the amount contributed, and there are always many election applicants. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IS RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS BOTH AT BRUNTON HOUSE AND IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

The Institution is situated about a mile from Lancaster ; and the estate upon which it is erected consists of 277 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District. Accommodation has been provided for about 800 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of the feeble-minded. The system of training is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental and moral improvement of the patients.

Besides the school instruction, training is given in a great variety of useful occupations. The boys are taught tailoring, shoemaking, basketmaking, brushmaking, matmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, woodcarving, toymaking, printing, book-binding, weaving, cordmaking and baking ; and there are excellent means of outdoor employment and training in farm and garden work. The girls are trained in knitting, sewing, lacemaking, hatmaking, cooking and other household occupations, and in toymaking and laundry work.

The results of training are shown by the following statistics : Since the opening of the Institution in December, 1870, 4,184 patients have been admitted, nearly all of whom have been considerably improved, some 10 per cent. having become self-supporting. Practically no case leaves the Institution altogether unimproved.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission ; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Blindness or Deafness is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations :

PATIENTS.—Three classes are admitted :

1. Private patients, admitted at rates varying from 80 to 250 guineas per annum, according to the privileges and accommodation required. There is no maximum age restriction, and no residential qualification is necessary.
2. Patients for whom the full payment cannot be offered, and who belong to one of the seven associated northern counties, are eligible for admission at reduced rates varying from 40 to 80 guineas per annum.
3. Elected patients, between the ages of six and twenty-one at the date of application, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are admitted by the votes of the Subscribers, and are received for seven years or more, suitable cases being eligible for re-election for a further period. They must belong to one of the seven associated northern counties.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain whether there is a reasonable probability of benefit from the treatment adopted in the Institution, and to enable them to decide the terms on which the candidates ought to be admitted. Before every election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of five guineas have a life-vote, and Annual Subscribers of half a guinea an annual vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every ten guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The government of the Institution is confided to :

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the Local Committees, in addition to fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, elected at each Annual General Meeting.
- (b) County Committees constituted by the members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Institution.
- (c) Local Committees formed for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Institution. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one representative to the Central Committee, and also an additional representative for each entire thousand guineas in donations after the first thousand guineas, and for each entire fifty guineas in annual subscriptions after the first fifty guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions, and 2,235 of the 4,184 cases so far admitted have been sent in this way by the Subscribers. Many others have been received at reduced rates of payment. Of the 799 inmates now in the Institution, 205 belong to Lancashire, 306 to Yorkshire, 92 to Cheshire, 100 to Durham, 33 to Cumberland, 20 to Northumberland and 17 to Westmorland. Twenty-six payment cases belong to counties not included in the Institution district.

The OBJECT, being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee confidently appeal for help to rescue the feeble-minded from physical deterioration and mental and moral darkness. The applications for admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

DONORS OF FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS ARE ENTITLED TO NAME AN ENDOWED BED, WHICH WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY A BRASS TABLET.

Reports, regulations, application forms and other information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman of the Central Committee.*

CHARLES F. TETLEY,
GEORGE D. KILLEY,
WILLIAM G. WELCH, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

November, 1923.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

The Central Committee desire to draw attention to the advantages of BRUNTON HOUSE as a Home for Private Patients attending the scholastic and industrial classes at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE, with its extensive private grounds, is pleasantly situated at a little distance from the Institution, and combines for Patients paying remunerative rates the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management. Terms on application to the Secretary.

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION, LANCASTER.

Under the Patronage of His Majesty the King.

Presidents.

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

His Grace the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.
His Grace the DUKE OF NORTHUMBER-
LAND.
The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF ZET-
LAND.
The Right Hon. the EARL OF DERBY.
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LONSDALE.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
DURHAM.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
LIVERPOOL.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
MANCHESTER.

The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
NEWCASTLE.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
CHESTER.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
BRADFORD.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
RIPON.
The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
CARLISLE.
The Right Hon. LORD ASHTON.
The Right Hon. LORD GAINFORD.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

THE RIGHT HON.

LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH, P.C., C.B., C.M.G.,
Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel.

Vice-Chairmen.

C. F. TETLEY, Esq., Leeds. G. D. KILLEY, Esq., Liverpool.
W. G. WELCH, Esq., Lancaster.

Sir R. A. ALLISON (Carlisle), Cumberland.
Sir NORVAL W. HELME, Lancaster.
Sir JAMES HILL (Hitchen), Bradford.
Sir WM. PRIESTLEY, Bradford.
LADY PRIESTLEY, Bradford.
The Very Rev. the DEAN OF CHESTER.
The Very Rev. the DEAN OF DURHAM.
The Very Rev. the DEAN OF YORK.
Rev. W. L. APPLEFORD, Lancaster.
GEO. ARMSTRONG ATKINSON, Esq., M.D.
(Newcastle), Northumberland.
GEORGE B. BAINBRIDGE, Esq. (Morpeeth),
Northumberland.

F. H. BENTHAM, Esq., Bradford.
Mrs. BLACKETT-ORD (Alnwick),
Northumberland.
GEORGE J. BOOTH, Esq. (Arkholme),
Lancaster.
Mrs. T. E. BRIDGEN, Manchester.
W. A. BRIGG, Esq. (Kildwick), Bradford.
Miss H. C. BRIERLEY, Rochdale.
WM. BRIGGS, Esq., D. L., Lancaster.
EUSTACE BROWNING, Esq., Leeds.
HERBERT CALVERT, Esq., Preston.
HAROLD CARR, Esq. (Carlisle),
Cumberland.

C. F. CLARK, Esq., Leeds.
 H. TRAVIS CLAY, Esq. (Rastrick), Halifax.
 BARCLAY CLEMESHA, Esq. (Fulwood),
 Preston.
 J. J. COCKSHOTT, Esq., O.B.E., Southport.
 FREDERICK W. COLLINSON, Esq., M.D.,
 Preston.
 H. J. COULSTON, Esq. (Bolton-le-Sands),
 Lancaster.
 A. R. CROSSLEY, Esq. (Hebden Bridge),
 Halifax.
 WM. CROSSLEY, Esq., Rochdale.
 Major W. G. TOWNSEND CURRIE
 (Christleton), Cheshire.
 T. ARTHUR DUNCAN, Esq. (Otley),
 Bradford.
 MRS. T. ARTHUR DUNCAN (Otley),
 Bradford.
 CHARLES EASTWOOD, Esq., Preston.
 C. E. ELMHIRST, Esq., York.
 W. A. FITZGERALD, Esq., M.D.
 (Chester), Cheshire.
 W. W. GALLOWAY, Esq., Preston.
 GERALD GARNETT, Esq., Lancaster.
 Major H. S. GREG (Caton), Manchester.
 H. L. GROVES, Esq. (Windermere),
 Westmorland.
 Col. F. HAWORTH, D.L., O.B.E.
 (Ambleside), Westmorland.
 J. R. HEAPE, Esq., Rochdale.
 T. W. HELME, Esq., Lancaster.
 H. ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Esq. (Chester),
 Cheshire.
 P. J. HIBBERT, Esq., D.L. (Grange-over-
 Sands), Cumberland.
 J. H. HINCHCLIFFE, Esq. (Bramhope),
 Bradford.
 C. W. ALLAN HODGSON, Esq. (Carlisle),
 Cumberland.
 Ven. Archdeacon HORNBV
 (St. Michael-on-Wyre), Preston.
 Mrs. ERNEST JOHNSON (Ashton Hayes),
 Cheshire.
 PERCY H. LEIGH, Esq., Manchester.
 Miss SHIELA MACFIE (Chester), Cheshire.
 RALPH G. E. MORTIMER, Esq., O.B.E.
 (Newcastle), Northumberland.
 EDWARD MOSER, Esq. (Kendal),
 Westmorland.
 Miss E. MOZLEY, Leeds.

Prof. G. R. MURRAY, M.D., D.L.,
 D.C.L. (Manchester.)
 W. S. PAGET-TOMLINSON, Esq., M.D.,
 D.L. (Kirkby Lonsdale), Westmor-
 land.
 JOHN G. PEEL, Esq., Manchester.
 SELBY W. PLUMMER, Esq., M.D.,
 Durham.
 A. R. POLLIT, Esq., Halifax.
 FREDERICK PRIESTMAN, Esq., Bradford.
 C. D. PYE-SMITH, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S.,
 Huddersfield.
 JOHN SELWYN RAWSON, Esq., Halifax.
 Miss S. B. RAYNER, (Brighouse) Halifax.
 HUGH RIDDELL, Esq., M.B. (Wyresdale
 Park), Preston.
 Major RICHARD RIGG, O.B.E. (London),
 Westmorland.
 Col. J. SHERIFF ROBERTS, V.D., D.L.
 (Chester), Cheshire.
 Rev. C. C. T. ROYDS (Heysham),
 Lancaster.
 C. F. SEWARD, Esq., Lancaster.
 Mrs. C. D. SHAFTO, O.B.E., Durham.
 J. E. SINGLETON, Esq., K.C., M.P.,
 Liverpool.
 HENRY SMITH, Esq., M.D., Durham.
 RICHARD SMITH, Esq., Lancaster.
 HERBERT L. STOREY, Esq., D.L.
 (Malmesbury), Lancaster.
 ISAAC H. STOREY, Esq. (Caton),
 Lancaster.
 SAMUEL TAYLOR, Esq., D.L. (Haver-
 thwaite), North Lonsdale.
 JAMES TODD, Esq. (Farington), Preston.
 SAMUEL TURNER, Junr., Esq. (Bamford),
 Rochdale.
 R. W. WAKEFIELD, Esq., M.B.
 (Cark-in-Cartmel), North Lonsdale.
 F. C. WATKINSON, Esq., Huddersfield.
 JOHN WELCH, Esq., Lancaster.
 J. E. WILLANS, Esq., Huddersfield.
 A. W. WILSON, Esq. (Dolphinholme),
 Preston.
 Miss W. M. WILSON (Kendal), Westmor-
 land.
 RICHARD WOODHOUSE, Esq., Brighouse.
 JOHN WORMALD, Esq., Leeds.
 J. CROSSLEY WRIGHT, Esq., M.B.,
 Halifax.
 Mrs. CROSSLEY WRIGHT, Halifax.

House Committee.

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish,
 P.C., C.B., C.M.G., Chairman.
 W. G. Welch, Esq., Vice-Chairman.
 Rev. W. L. Appleford.
 G. J. Booth, Esq.
 Wm. Briggs, Esq.
 H. J. Coulston, Esq.
 Gerald Garnett, Esq.
 Col. F. Haworth.

Sir Norval W. Helme.
 T. W. Helme, Esq.
 Rev. C. C. T. Royds.
 C. F. Seward, Esq.
 Richard Smith, Esq.
 Isaac H. Storey, Esq.
 John Welch, Esq.
 A. W. Wilson, Esq.

Finance Committee.

Wm. Briggs, Esq., Chairman.
 W. G. Welch, Esq., Vice-Chairman.
 Rev. W. L. Appleford.
 G. J. Booth, Esq.
 H. J. Coulston, Esq.
 Gerald Garnett, Esq.
 Col. F. Haworth.

Sir Norval W. Helme.
 T. W. Helme, Esq.
 Rev. C. C. T. Royds.
 C. F. Seward, Esq.
 Richard Smith, Esq.
 John Welch, Esq.
 A. W. Wilson, Esq.

Farm Committee.

Richard Smith, Esq., Chairman.
 Rev. W. L. Appleford.
 G. J. Booth, Esq.
 Wm. Briggs, Esq.
 H. J. Coulston, Esq.

Gerald Garnett, Esq.
 Rev. C. C. T. Royds.
 C. F. Seward, Esq.
 W. G. Welch, Esq.
 A. W. Wilson, Esq.

Treasurers.

THE MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL DISTRICT BANKING COMPANY,
 LIMITED, Lancaster.

Honorary Solicitors.

MESSRS. GIBSONS AND STURTON, Lancaster.

Honorary Consulting Physician.

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH, M.D., M.R.C.S.

Auditor.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster.

Medical Superintendent.

W. H. COUPLAND, L.R.C.P.Ed., &c.

Senior Assistant Medical Officer.

C. J. HENDERSON, M.B.

Junior Assistant Medical Officer.

H. J. APPIEYARD, L.R.C.P.E., L.D.S.Ed.

Accountant.

EDWARD B. SHAW.

Steward.

ALBERT MACDONALD.

Matron.

MISS ALICE SIVIOUR.

General Secretary.

SAMUEL KEIR, F.C.I.S.

Bankers.

THE MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL DISTRICT BANKING COMPANY,
 LIMITED, Lancaster,
 AND ALL THEIR BRANCHES.

Other Banks in the NORTHERN COUNTIES receive Contributions.

OFFICERS OF COUNTY COMMITTEES.

Lancashire.

Chairman:

THE RIGHT HON. LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH, P.C., C.B., C.M.G.,
Holker Hall.

Secretary: Mr. SAMUEL KEIR, Lancaster.

Yorkshire.

Chairman: C. F. TETLEY, Esq., Fox Hill, Weetwood, Leeds.

Secretary: Mr. SAMUEL KEIR, Lancaster.

Cheshire.

Chairman: BRIG.-GEN. W. BROMLEY-DAVENPORT, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
Capesthorpe, Chelford.

Treasurer: H. E. D. ABBOTT, Esq., London County, Westminster and Parr's Bank,
Chester.

Secretary: Mr. SAMUEL KEIR, Lancaster.

Cumberland.

Chairman: THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE.

Treasurer: MAJOR CARLETON SALKELD, Holme Hill, Dalston.

Hon. Secretary: CHARLES WM. DONALD, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., 8, Portland Square,
Carlisle.

Westmorland.

Chairman: COL. F. HAWORTH, V.D., D.L., O.B.E., Ashley Green, Loughrigg,
Ambleside.

Treasurer: JACOB WAKEFIELD, Esq., Sedgwick House, Kendal.

Hon. Secretary: EDWARD MOSER, Esq., 59, Highgate, Kendal.

Durham.

President: THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM.

Chairman: THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF DURHAM.

Joint Secretaries: { HENRY SMITH, Esq., M.D. (Hon. Sec.), Durham.
Mr. SAMUEL KEIR (General Secretary), Lancaster.

Northumberland.

President: HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Chairman: RALPH G. E. MORTIMER, Esq., O.B.E., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Treasurers: Messrs. BARCLAY AND CO., LTD., Bankers, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Hon. Secretary: GEO. ARMSTRONG ATKINSON, Esq., M.D., 52, Jesmond Road,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Bolton.

*Treasurer and**Hon. Sec.* : WM. KEVAN, Esq.

Bradford.

Chairman : SIR JAMES HILL.*Secretary* : S. MIDGLEY, Esq., M.B.E.

Halifax.

Chairman : J. SELWYN RAWSON, Esq.*Vice-Chairman* : A. R. CROSSLEY, Esq.*Hon. Sec.* : J. CROSSLEY WRIGHT, Esq.,
M.B.

Huddersfield.

Chairman : J. E. WILLANS, Esq.*Treasurer* : F. C. WATKINSON, Esq.*Hon. Secs.* : { H. T. BARRATT, Esq.
C. D. PYE-SMITH, Esq.,
M.B., F.R.C.S.

Hull.

Chairman : THE RIGHT REV. FRANCIS
GURDON, D.D., Bishop
of Hull.*Hon. Sec.* : JAMES McNIDDER, Esq.,
M.D.

Leeds.

Chairman : C. F. TETLEY, Esq.*Hon. Sec.* : C. F. CLARK, Esq.

Liverpool.

Chairman : GEO. D. KILLEY, Esq.*Treasurer and Secretary* : } Mr. SAMUEL KEIR.

Manchester and Salford.

Treasurer : J. G. PEEL, Esq.*Secretary* : Mr. SAMUEL KEIR.

Preston.

Chairman : W. W. GALLOWAY, Esq.*Vice-Chairman* : THE WORSHIPFUL THE
MAYOR.*Hon. Sec.* : F. W. COLLINSON, Esq., M.D.

Rochdale.

Chairman : J. R. HEAPE, Esq.*Treasurer* : WM. CROSSLEY, Esq.*Hon. Sec.* : R. A. LEACH, Esq.

Scarborough.

Hon. Sec. : ALLAN ROWNTREE, Esq.

Settle.

Treasurer : JOHN BIRKBECK, Esq.

Southport.

Chairman : J. J. COCKSHOT, Esq.,
O.B.E.*Hon. Sec.* : THOMAS G. PHILLIPS, Esq.

Wigan.

Treasurer : DAVID GOLDSWORTH, Esq.

York.

Chairman : THE VERY REV. THE
DEAN OF YORK.*Treasurer* : W. F. H. THOMSON, Esq.*Hon. Sec.* : C. E. ELMHIRST, Esq.

OFFICERS OF LADIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

Blackburn.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. RAMSAY, Springwell House, Shear Bank Road, Blackburn.

Bradford.

President : Lady PRIESTLEY, Rosemount House, Bradford.

Treasurer and Hon. Secretary : Mrs. T. ARTHUR DUNCAN, Westbourne, Otley.

Cheshire.

President : The Right Hon. COUNTESS GROSVENOR.

Treasurer and Hon. Secretary : Miss SHIELA MACFIE, Rowton Hall, Chester.

BIRKENHEAD DISTRICT.—*Hon. Secretary* : Mrs. JOHN TIPTON, Ingestre Road, Oxton.

CREWE. { *Treasurer* : Mrs. TOMKINSON, Clifford House, Crewe.
Hon. Secretaries : JOHN POWELL, Esq., 57, Ernest Street, Crewe.
Miss FULLER, Clifford House, Crewe.

STALYBRIDGE.—*Treasurer* : Mrs. JOHN SUMMERS, Inglewood, Stalybridge.

Cumberland.

President : Mrs. LACY THOMSON, Farlam Hall, Brampton Junction, Carlisle.

Vice-President : Miss GOODWIN, 10, Keble Road, Oxford.

Treasurer : C. W. ALLAN HODGSON, Esq., The Courts, Carlisle.

County of Durham.

President : The Most Hon. the MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY.

Vice-President : Mrs. PEMBERTON, Hawthorn Tower, Seaham,
and Belmont, Durham.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : Mrs. C. D. SHAFTO, O.B.E., 9, South Bailey, Durham.

DARLINGTON.—*Hon. Secretary* : Mrs. EADE, Branson House, Darlington.

GATESHEAD. { *President* : Miss E. CAMERON MAWSON, Ashfield, Low Fell.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer : Mrs. J. W. ROUNTHWAITE, Wellwood,
Low Fell.

HARTLEPOOL.—*Treasurer* : Miss H. TAYLOR SMITH, Thorp Perrow, Bedale.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.—*Treasurer* : Mrs. GRIMES, Northside, Seaham Harbour.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—*Treasurer* : Miss F. E. KIRK, Norton Green, Stockton-on-Tees.

SUNDERLAND. { *President* : Mrs. CRAVEN, The Briery, Sunderland.
Hon. Secretary } Mrs. W. H. CHALLONER, Warden Law,
and Treasurer : } Houghton-le-Spring.

Halifax.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. CROSSLEY WRIGHT, Park Road, Halifax.

Huddersfield.

Treasurer: Miss AGNES MILLER, Afton Lodge, Huddersfield.

Hon. Secretary: Miss WATKINSON, Fairfield, Huddersfield.

Lancaster.

President: Mrs. WELCH, Hornby Hall, Lancaster.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: Miss C. S. BARROW, Yewgarth, Lancaster.

Leeds.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: Miss E. MOZLEY, Holly Bank, Headingley, Leeds.

Liverpool.

President: The Right Hon. the COUNTESS OF DERBY.

Vice-President: The LADY MAYORESS.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: Mrs. J. C. ELLISON, Brooklands, Green Bank, Waterloo.

Manchester, Salford and South Lancashire.

President: Her Grace the DUCHESS OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Vice-President: The LADY MAYORESS OF MANCHESTER.

Hon. Secs.: { Mrs. BRIDGEN, 27, Oak Road, Withington, Manchester.
Lady ROTHBAND, The Hollies, Higher Broughton, Manchester.
Mrs. PILKINGTON TURNER, 30, Oak Road, Withington, Manchester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—*Treasurer*: Mrs. J. W. POLLITT, Moss Lodge,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

BOLTON. { *President*: Mrs. JAMES MARSHALL, The Poplars, Midhurst, Sussex.
Treasurer: WM. KEVAN, Esq., 12, Acresfield, Bolton.
Hon. Secretary: Miss CROOK, The Clough, Heaton.

BURNLEY.—*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*: Mrs. ALEXANDER DREW, Holme Lodge,
Burnley.

BURY.—*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*: Miss WEBB, West Bank, Bury.

OLDHAM.—*Treasurer*: Miss HILL, Thornycroft, Oldham.

ROCHDALE.—*Treasurer*: Miss H. C. BRIERLEY, Broadfield, Rochdale.

WARRINGTON. { *President*: Mrs. F. AYLMER FROST, Grappenhall Hall.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: Mrs. JOHNSON, Elm Dene, Sankey.

WIGAN. { *President*: Mrs. R. A. FFARINGTON, Worden, Leyland.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. LATHAM, Elmfields, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Northumberland.

President: Her Grace THE DUCHESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Vice-President: The Right Hon. VISCOUNTESS RIDLEY, Blagdon, Cramlington.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BLACKETT-ORD, Denwick House, Alnwick.

Treasurers: BARCLAY & CO., LTD., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

President: The Right Hon. VISCOUNTESS ALLENDALE.

Treasurer: Mrs. J. PHILIPSON, 35, Fern Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

North Fensdale.

President: Lady MOYRA CAVENDISH, Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel.

Treasurers: The MANCHESTER & LIVERPOOL DISTRICT BANK (Local Branches).

Preston.

President: Lady TOULMIN, Preston.

Scarborough.

President: The Right Hon. the COUNTESS OF LONDESBOROUGH.

Southport.

President: Lady PATON, Kingswood, Birkdale, Southport.

Vice-Presidents: { Mrs. FINCH, Wimbrick House, Ormskirk.
Mrs. MORRIN, 69, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport.

Hon. Secretary: Miss GASKELL, 3, Preston Road, Southport.

Thirsk.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. E. WALKER, Ravensthorpe Manor, Thirsk.

Westmorland.

President: The Right Hon. the COUNTESS OF BECTIVE.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. WAKEFIELD, Sedgwick House, Kendal.

Treasurer: JACOB WAKEFIELD, Esq., Sedgwick House, Kendal.

York.

President: The Hon. HYLDA DE YARBURGH BATESON, The Lodge, Heslington.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. H. N. GOODE, 39, Bootham, York.

Treasurer: W. F. H. THOMSON, Esq. (Messrs. Beckett and Co.'s Bank), York.

MEDALS AWARDED IN 1923 FOR LONG SERVICE.

GOLD MEDALS.

Jane Agnes Nelson, Tailoress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1906
Marie L. E. Campbell, Brunton House Matron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1906

SILVER MEDALS.

William E. Gunson, Stores Clerk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1911
Robert Swarbrick, Attendant	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1911
Robert F. Davidson, Painter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1911

BRONZE MEDALS.

Edith B. Pearson, Laundress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1912
Winifred Bilsborough, Nurse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1915
Sarah C. Lucas, Nurse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
Elizabeth Scott, Clerk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
William Foster, Boilerman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
Florence A. Coles, Teacher	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
William H. Hancock, Attendant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
Annie Annandale, Clerk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
Matthew Arkwright, Baker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
James R. Wilson, Attendant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
Mary J. Johnson, Nurse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
William Lambert, Farm Man	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916
Margaret Connor, Laundress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1916

ANNUAL ELECTION OF PATIENTS.

An election of thirty patients was held at the Institution on Friday, June 1st, 1923. There were no unsuccessful candidates, the whole of the following applicants being elected:

LANCASHIRE.—Leonard Coop, Atherton, 3,188 votes; James Rickus, Atherton, 3,188; Herbert Winson, Gorton, 3,188; Cyril Andrew, Oldham, 3,184; John Wookey Blake, Bootle, 3,168; Alick Bruce Brighthouse, Prescott, 3,168; William Stewart Corscaden, Liverpool, 3,168; Ernest Alan Green, Southport, 3,168; William Henry Moore, Liverpool, 3,168; Douglas Pearce Pritchard, Liverpool, 3,168; Glynn Williams, Liverpool, 3,168; William Anderson, Blackburn, 3,124; Dorothy Arkwright, Lancaster, 3,124; Margery Hall, Preston, 3,124; John Hartley, Preston, 3,124; John Keen, Barrow-in-Furness, 3,124; Hilda Lucas, Barrow-in-Furness, 3,124; Ruth Thorp, Dalton-in-Furness, 3,124.

YORKSHIRE.—Lily Bradburn, Bradford, 1,530; George Naunton McFarlane, Kirby Moorside, 1,530; Joseph Samson Ballin, Sheffield, 1,519; Edgar Sykes Wood, Huddersfield, 1,519.

CHESHIRE.—Ronald Eastwood, Birkenhead, 215; Winifred Jones, Birkenhead, 215; William Frederick Hartley Newton, Liscard, 215.

WESTMORLAND.—John Edward Mitchell, Kendal, 143.

CUMBERLAND.—Gordon Hetherington Graham, Carlisle, 115; Thomas Harrison, Cockermouth, 115; John McKew, Hensingham, 115.

DURHAM.—Lydia Boswell, Hartlepool, 170.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT LANCASTER

AND

ELEVENTH QUINQUENNIAL FESTIVAL.

The annual general meeting was held at the Royal Albert Institution, on Friday, September 28th, 1923, in compliance with Article 12, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), presiding over a very good attendance of members and subscribers.

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting, held at Lancaster on September 29th, 1922, were confirmed and signed.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and accounts, Lord Richard Cavendish congratulated all connected with the Institution upon a very successful year's work. The commendatory report made by the Commissioners of the Board of Control after their last official visit assured them that they were supporting an Institution which was doing magnificent work in a most satisfactory manner. For the moment their financial position was good, but important developments were contemplated which would greatly enhance the usefulness of the Institution, and they were consequently as urgently in need of funds as they had ever been during the past fifty-nine years.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed :

- 1.—That the Fifty-ninth Annual Report, with the Annual Accounts, be received and adopted, and the Central Committee's appeal for continued generous support warmly commended for favourable consideration.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Wm. Briggs, Esq., D.L., Lancaster (Chairman of the Finance Committee).

- 2.—That the Lancaster members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their valuable services, and that the following gentlemen be appointed members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :

The Right Hon. LORD RICHARD
FREDERICK CAVENDISH, P.C., C.B.,
C.M.G.
Rev. WALTER LANGLEY APPLEFORD.
GEORGE JAMES BOOTH, Esq.
WILLIAM BRIGGS, Esq.
HENRY JOSEPH COULSTON, Esq.
GERALD GARNETT, Esq.
Sir NORVAL WATSON HELME.

THOMAS WILSON HELME, Esq.
Rev. CHARLES CRADOCK TWEMLOW ROYDS.
CHARLES FREDERICK SEWARD, Esq.
RICHARD SMITH, Esq.
HERBERT LUSHINGTON STOREY, Esq.
ISAAC HENRY STOREY, Esq.
JOHN WELCH, Esq.
WILLIAM GIBBINS WELCH, Esq.

Moved by C. F. Tetley, Esq., Leeds (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), and seconded by C. W. Allan Hodgson, Esq., Carlisle (Treasurer of the Cumberland Ladies' Association).

- 3.—That the 1924 election of patients be left to the Central Committee, who are hereby authorised, on behalf of the voting subscribers and donors and the County Committees, to elect such candidates as they may deem advisable.

Moved by the Chairman and seconded by J. H. Hinchcliffe, Esq., Bradford.

- 4.—That, in compliance with Article 56, Mr. A. B. S. Welch be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by A. W. Wilson, Esq., Preston.

- 5.—That, in pursuance of Article 12, the next general meeting be held at Leeds during September or October, 1924, unless the Central Committee deem it advisable to appoint some other place or time.

Moved by C. F. Tetley, Esq. (Chairman of the Leeds Committee), and seconded by C. F. Clark, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

The distribution of long-service medals to eighteen members of the staff by Lady Moyra Cavendish brought the proceedings to a close.

The eleventh quinquennial festival of the Royal Albert Institution was celebrated on the 28th of September, 1923, the public meeting in connection with it following the annual general meeting in the Winmarleigh Hall. There was a very large attendance of subscribers and friends of the Institution, amongst those present being the following members of the Central Committee: The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman), C. F. Tetley, Esq., G. D. Killey, Esq., and W. G. Welch, Esq. (Vice-Chairmen), Rev. W. L. Appleford, W. A. Brigg, Esq., Wm. Briggs, Esq., D.L., Harold Carr, Esq., C. F. Clark, Esq., Gerald Garnett, Esq., Sir Norval W. Helme, J. H. Hinchcliffe, Esq., C. W. Allan Hodgson, Esq., Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, Prof. G. R. Murray, M.D., D.L., Hugh Riddell, Esq., M.B., Rev. C. C. T. Royds, C. F. Seward, Esq., Mrs. C. D. Shafto, O.B.E., J. E. Singleton, Esq., K.C., M.P., Richard Smith, Esq., John Welch, Esq., and A. W. Wilson, Esq., with D. P. Sturton, Esq. (Hon. Solicitor), and Sir Fredk. Mott, K.B.E., M.D., F.R.S.

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G., who presided, said that although the industrial position of the country left much to be desired, and trade and commerce were in a critical condition, he believed that the corner had been turned and that better times would follow the period of depression. But the effect upon voluntary subscriptions, which were much curtailed, was serious, and the past ten years had greatly strained their resources. When the first quinquennial festival was held in 1873 there were only 141 patients under care, whereas now, fifty years later, the number had risen to 800. The responsibilities of the Committee had increased with the rapid growth of the Institution, but they always endeavoured to keep abreast of the times and to cope with any demands modern science might make upon them. The latest development was the Cavendish Reception House, the foundation-stone of which was to be laid that afternoon, and he took it as a great honour that his name was to be associated with this new building, which would cost, apart from furnishing, some £6,700. Then the

Committee were pledged to proceed with the erection of a custodial block for low-grade cases at an estimated cost of £7,000 or £8,000, so that in the near future they would have to meet a capital outlay of about £15,000. The claims of the Institution for continued support were therefore as pressing as ever. Public bodies would no doubt make greater use of the powers conferred upon them by Parliament, but their work would only be supplemental and would not displace the work of Institutions such as the Royal Albert. He had the utmost confidence in asking them to support its claims, as he firmly believed that for many years to come its needs would be as urgent as ever they had been in the past. He felt convinced that the Royal Albert would never lack the support it so richly deserved.

An interesting address was given by Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., LL.D., M.D., F.R.S., who gave particulars of his investigations into the causes of feeble-mindedness, and also his impressions of the Royal Albert Institution and its work, and the following resolutions were then passed unanimously :

- 1—That this meeting warmly congratulates the members and subscribers upon the success and progress of the Royal Albert Institution, gratefully recognises the generous support hitherto forthcoming, and cordially endorses the Central Committee's appeal for additional income so that they may further extend the beneficent work in which they have been so long and so successfully engaged.

Moved by C. F. Tetley, Esq., Leeds, and seconded by W. G. Welch, Esq., Lancaster (Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee). Supported by the Mayor of Lancaster (Ald. J. E. Oglethorpe).

- 2—That this meeting acknowledges most gratefully the successful and disinterested efforts of the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Ladies' Associations, and also the valuable services of the Honorary Officers and members of the County and Local Committees.

Moved by G. D. Killey, Esq., Liverpool (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), seconded by J. E. Singleton, Esq., K.C., M.P., Preston, and responded to by Mrs. C. D. Shafto, O.B.E. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Durham Ladies' Association).

Upon the motion of Sir Norval W. Helme, Lancaster, seconded by Prof. G. R. Murray, M.D., D.L., Manchester, cordial votes of thanks were passed to Lord Richard Cavendish for presiding, to Lady Moyra Cavendish for distributing the long-service medals to the members of the staff, and to Sir Frederick Mott for his address.

Those present then proceeded to the site of the new Cavendish Reception House, the foundation-stone of which was laid by Lord Richard Cavendish after a dedicatory prayer had been offered by the Ven. P. J. Hornby, Archdeacon of Lancaster.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary*.



ELEVENTH QUINQUENNIAL FESTIVAL.
GROUP OF VISITORS.



THE CAVENDISH RECEPTION HOUSE
FOUNDATION-STONE CEREMONY

REPORT

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

at Lancaster,

Friday, September 28th, 1923.



ON the occasion of the Eleventh Quinquennial Festival it is of interest to recall something of the history of the Institution in its early years, to note the position it occupies to-day, and then to consider the ways in which the Committee hope to continue and develop its useful work in the future.

Eleventh
Quinquennial
Festival.

When the Founder and first Chairman of our Institution, Dr. Edward Denis de Vitré, held the inaugural meeting in the Shire Hall, Lancaster, on the 21st of December, 1864, it was decided that the new undertaking should include the six northern counties (Lancashire, Yorkshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland), and that its name should be "The Northern Counties' Asylum for Idiots." Two years later the patronage of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, was graciously given, with permission to name the Institution "The Royal Albert Asylum," after the late Prince Consort. Meanwhile, at the request of many friends residing over the Lancashire border, Cheshire had become a seventh county sharing in the benefits of the Institution.

Inaugural
Meeting.

Original Title.

Early in 1865, Dr. de Vitré was enlisting the help of Liverpool, and a meeting was convened in the Council Chamber under the presidency of the Mayor, Sir Edward Lawrence, who from then onwards became a most valuable helper and friend of the Institution, and was the Chairman of the Liverpool Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee until his death in May, 1909. A meeting was also held in 1865 in the city of York, with the Archbishop of the Northern Province in the chair; and this was followed by meetings in Leeds, Bradford and Halifax, in each case presided

Early Meetings.

over by the Mayor. At this time the organizing power was much strengthened by the appointment of Mr. James Diggens as the first Secretary, a position he held for forty years, greatly to the advantage of the Institution. In following years the meetings became more numerous, and from the Seventh Annual Report we can form some idea of the work which had then been accomplished. This Report, presented to the subscribers at a meeting held at Bradford on September 29th, 1871, gives the names of 33 Presidents, all members of the House of Lords or of the Episcopal Bench, 181 Vice-Presidents, including Deans, Archdeacons and other clergy, Members of Parliament, and other influential men of the north country engaged in public work. The Central Committee, comprising representatives from all the smaller Committees, numbered 79; the seven County Committees had in all 267 members, and the 43 Local Committees for the larger towns had a total membership of 825; so that a total of over 1,350 gentlemen holding important positions in the seven northern counties were helping the work.

Meanwhile a suitable site had been purchased and the central block and boys' wing completed of a building designed to accommodate 400 patients. In 1870, George E. Shuttleworth, M.D., was appointed the first Medical Superintendent. Previous experience in the care of the mentally-deficient enabled him to commence the work on the best lines, always keeping in view the happiness and improvement of the patients. During his 23 years' term of office, the Institution owed much to his skill and organising ability. By means of numerous lectures and addresses, and the compilation of a standard text-book, he gained a most extensive reputation as an authority on the scientific study and treatment of the mental-defective, and the Committee are glad still to retain his interest as the Honorary Consulting Physician.

The first election of patients took place in December, 1870, and at the date of the Seventh Annual Report 66 male patients were in residence. The contributions received from the Seven Associated Counties to the date of this Report were £59,347 and the annual subscriptions for the year £1,040. Surely this is a wonderful record of the beginning and progress of a great work during seven successful years, a work which originated in the suggestion and gift of Mr. James Brunton, and was inspired by the faith, courage and zeal of a Lancaster medical man, Edward Denis de Vitré, and of the friends he enlisted in the cause. But the founders of our Institution had

First Secretary.

First Medical Superintendent.

Progress.

James Brunton

Dr. de Vitré.

a larger vision of the scope of the work upon which they had embarked. They realised that the help given by the voluntary Institutions, supported by the charitable public, would be altogether insufficient to provide homes and training for the whole number of the feeble-minded in this country requiring institutional treatment. This was a national need, which could only be adequately met by the help of the State. The State had realised its responsibility in the case of the lunatic, and it was in the true interest of the nation that it should extend its guardianship to the feeble-minded.

Turning over the Reports of the Institution in its early years, we find the first Chairman, Dr. de Vitré, and his band of able helpers, visiting the principal cities and towns of our area not only to make known the sad and neglected condition of the feeble-minded—a condition of misery for themselves and their relatives—but also to insist that their uncared for condition was a grave danger to the social life of the country; to urge that it was right that the benevolent should provide homes in which these could live happy and contented lives, and where such powers as they possessed could be developed; and to teach that the State had a duty to these unfortunate members of the community. Nominally they were under the lunacy laws, but these laws were doing nothing for them, and therefore the State must be aroused and made to realise its grave responsibility. So we read of many endeavours to bring the subject to the notice of parliament, the first being an important deputation to the President of the Local Government Board in May, 1877, when the representatives of our Institution included Lord Winmarleigh, Dr. de Vitré, Sir John T. Hibbert, of Oldham, and Sir Edward Lawrence, of Liverpool; and then of an earnest agitation, commencing in 1884, for a modification of the lunacy laws as they affected the care and training of imbeciles, and continuing until the passing of the Idiots Act of 1886. The Bill was originally drafted by a special Committee of our Institution, consisting of Lord Winmarleigh, Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., Dr. Shuttleworth and Mr. Diggins, who had the cordial co-operation of the other four English Institutions for Imbeciles, and the support in parliament of Sir John T. Hibbert, at that time Parliamentary Secretary in the Home Office. The provision made by these five Institutions and a few Licensed Houses represented the total accommodation then available in this country for the special care of the mentally deficient.

Proposals of
Founders.

The Idiots Act,
1886.

Royal
Commission.
1905 to 1909.

In the Report of 1903, we find that an agitation had commenced for the appointment of a Royal Commission to consider and report upon the existing provision for idiots, imbeciles and the defective or feeble-minded, and to make recommendations, and this was receiving the strong support of our Committee. In 1904, the Royal Commission had been promised, and our Reports of 1905 and 1906 refer to its sittings. Those for 1908 and 1909 tell of its Report and recommendations, and our Report for 1913 predicts that by the coming into force of the Mental Deficiency Act in April, 1914, a new chapter in the history of the feeble-minded would be opened. Once again a Royal Commission, by making known urgent needs, had paved the way for a great reform. The beneficial effect of the Act is proved by the following figures. The Board of Control in their Third Annual Report, for the year 1916, state that the mentally defective patients under care in England and Wales numbered 6,836 (3,093 males and 3,743 females). Their Ninth Report, for the year 1922, gives the number under care as 15,786 (7,283 males and 8,503 females), an increase of 8,950 in the total number. These are the numbers provided for, but the Royal Commission estimated the total number of defectives at 149,628, of whom 66,509 were in urgent need of further provision, so that though much has been accomplished much still remains to be done.

The Mental
Deficiency Act,
1913.

Statistics.

Proposed
Extensions.

At the last annual general meeting of our members and subscribers, on the 29th of September, 1922, the resolution approving and adopting the Annual Report of the Committee appealed for continued generous support in order that the efficiency of their work might be maintained and adequate provision made for the growing requirements of the future ; and at an earlier meeting of the Central Committee on the same day a resolution was unanimously carried approving of the provision of additional verandah accommodation in the Ashton Wing, a work which has now been completed at a cost of a little over £1,000, and also of the building of a new Reception House, now in course of construction at a cost of about £6,700. A proposal to construct buildings specially designed for the accommodation of low-grade cases requiring custodial care was postponed to the next meeting of the Central Committee. In the meantime the proposal was most carefully considered by both the House and Finance Committees, and its adoption recommended to the Central Committee. At their meeting on November 24th, the Central Committee, after a full discussion, passed the following resolution :

Recent
Additions.

That, as soon as funds are available for the provision of separate accommodation for custodial care, a commencement be made by the erection of a building for forty low-grade girls at an estimated cost of about £7,000.

In coming to their decision, the Committee fully realised that they were proposing a change of no little importance, for the founders of the Institution provided for the care, education and industrial training of defectives of an improvable type. But at the same time, as we have seen, our founders exerted all their influence to obtain State recognition of the needs of every grade of the mentally deficient. By the passing of the Act of 1913 their object was achieved. And so to-day Authorities are giving help not only to higher-grade improvable cases but also to children unable to take part in active work, and requiring, in fact, hospital treatment. Realising the burden such children are to their parents, to their families and to themselves, the Committee have asked themselves whether it is not their urgent duty to extend their help to patients of this type. The institutional care which these defectives need is most difficult to find, and it is felt that the numerous Authorities in the northern area are looking to the Central Committee to help them to overcome the difficulty. This is the policy which the Committee have adopted. They hope to be able to begin the building of the Girls' Home early in the new financial year; and after this has been completed they trust that their funds will enable them to begin the building of a similar Home on the boys' side.

Provision for
Custodial Care.

Requirements of
Local
Authorities.

The Committee have always striven to keep abreast of modern developments in everything pertaining to the happiness and welfare of the feeble-minded, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that at the present time the Royal Albert maintains its reputation as a model Institution of its kind. During the war, expenditure of all kinds was necessarily restricted to the minimum limit, with the result that within the last year or two a sum of nearly £6,600 has had to be spent on much-needed renewals, improvements and extensions, and this process is still going on. As a means of instruction as well as recreation, the cinematograph has now taken a leading place, and the Committee have consequently sanctioned its installation in the Winmarleigh Hall, which is being specially adapted for the purpose. Besides this improvement, the Committee are proceeding with the erection of the new Reception House, and will then be faced with the task of providing suitable

Present
Position.

Improvements
and
Extensions.

Prospective
Capital Outlay.

accommodation for low-grade defectives, so that in the near future they will have to meet a capital outlay of something like £15,000. They therefore feel that they are justified in appealing to their friends throughout the seven northern counties for the generous support which will be needed to enable them not only to carry on the work of the Institution and maintain its efficiency but also to provide for this large capital expenditure.

The Cavendish
Reception
House.

This quinquennial festival is to be distinguished by the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Reception House. The urgent need of suitable accommodation for dealing with tuberculous patients led to the conversion of the James Diggens Memorial Reception House into a Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and this alteration, which met with the warm approval of the Board of Control, has proved most successful. The new building is therefore an admitted necessity, and as the appended list shows it is the latest of a series of important additions, most of which commemorate names which will always hold an honoured place in the records of the Institution. The Committee are exceedingly glad that their Chairman, who has now held that important position for the past thirteen years, has allowed his name to be associated with the new structure, which will therefore be called "The Cavendish Reception House":

Developments.	Built.	Cost.	Description.
	1877.....	£2,373.....	De Vitré Cottages, presented by Dr. de Vitré. Eight cottages for members of the staff.
	1883 ...	£11,478.....	Rodgett Infirmary. Donation of £5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. E. Rodgett, of Preston.
	1885.....	£5,295.....	Brunton House. Branch Home for thirty private patients.
	1888.....	£6,606.....	Winmarleigh Recreation Hall. Built by subscription.
	1891.....	£1,828.....	Royal Albert Cottages. Six cottages for members of the staff.
	1898.....	£7,520.....	Storey Home. For forty girls. Presented by Sir Thomas Storey.
	1900.....	£4,196.....	Hibbert Terrace and South Lodge. Nine cottages for members of the staff.
	1902 ...	£19,968.....	Ashton Wing. For fifty epileptic and fifty crippled patients. Donation of £15,000 from the Right Hon. Lord Ashton.
	1904.....	£7,450.....	Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops. Donation of £5,250 from Mr. H. L. Storey.
	1907.....	£5,165.....	James Diggens Memorial Home. Built by subscription.

1913.....£5,276.....Farm and Industrial Colony. For forty male patients. Built by subscription.
 1923.....£6,624.....Cavendish Reception House.

Local conditions rendered it advisable for the Committee to postpone their visit to Leeds, and last year's general meeting was consequently held at the Institution on the 29th of September under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), by whom long-service medals were distributed to nine members of the staff. In reviewing the position and requirements of the Institution, the Chairman drew attention to various prospective improvements and extensions, and stated that an increase in the available accommodation had placed them in a position to deal with the large number of 800 inmates. Lord Richard Cavendish added :

Annual General Meeting.

The Committee had decided to extend the charitable work of the Institution by raising the maximum age-limit for election candidates by five years, so that applicants were now eligible up to the age of 21. They had also interpreted the spirit of the age by admitting ladies as members of the Central Committee, and he welcomed Mrs. Duncan, of Otley, as the first lady member to put in an appearance. Those connected with such Institutions as the Royal Albert had in the past been privileged to minister, alone and unaided, to the needs of the feeble-minded, but the nation as a whole had during the last few years taken the question up more seriously, and attention was now being devoted to it not only by Government departments but also by organised bodies such as Boards of Guardians, County Councils and Education Committees. But whatever developments there might be in the future with regard to provision for the care of the mentally deficient, there would in our generation and for several generations to come be ample necessity for continued charitable effort, and he trusted there would be no diminution in the voluntary support received from generous subscribers and donors throughout the seven northern counties.

Right Hon.
Lord Richard
Cavendish.

In connection with this year's election of patients, sixteen of the County and Local Committees and Ladies' Associations held their annual meetings, and the result was declared by the Central Committee on the 1st of June. The whole of the thirty candidates were then elected, increasing to 2,235 the number of patients who have been sent in this way by the subscribers. This equals more than 53 per cent. of the total of 4,184 inmates admitted to the 31st of March last, but even that proportion does not represent the full volume of the Institution's charitable work, since in addition to the 2,235 election patients many others have been received at reduced rates of payment much below the actual cost. Subscribers

Election
of Patients.

Charitable
Work.

Number
of Inmates.

are reminded that the scope of this voluntary work has been enlarged by a recent modification of the election conditions, candidates being now eligible until they have attained the age of 21 years. At the date mentioned, there were on the books the names of 799 inmates, of whom 306 were admitted from Yorkshire, 205 from Lancashire, 100 from Durham, 92 from Cheshire, 33 from Cumberland, 20 from Northumberland, 17 from Westmorland, and 26 from counties outside the associated area. Particularly noticeable is the progressive advance in the number of cases from Yorkshire, Durham and Cheshire. The average number of patients under care rose from the previous year's figure of 725 to 760 during the past financial year.

Finances.

Financially the affairs of the Institution rest upon a sound basis, the most satisfactory feature of the accounts being the continued reduction in the cost of maintenance. This process of retrenchment is obviously one which cannot continue indefinitely, and there are indications that for the time being prices have reached their lowest limit. Fortunately the Institution's reserves continue to be strengthened by the generosity of benefactors who remember its claims when disposing of their property by will. Such bequests benefit in perpetuity both the Institution and the districts from which they are received, since they are always invested and the income credited to the localities where the respective testators resided. The following legacies, received during the past financial year, are most gratefully acknowledged:

Legacies.

Thomas Radcliffe, Blackburn (on account)	£2,460	0	0
Mrs. Margaret Clough, Lancaster.....	1,000	0	0
Frederic Marshall Kenderdine, Manchester, £16 6s. 4d. additional, making	532	8	4
Miss Emily Cockroft, Halifax	500	0	0
Miss Ada Read, Stockport	500	0	0
Nicholas Harrison, Chester, £10 additional, making	229	0	0
Miss Emma Gertrude Wren, Carnforth	98	5	2
Mrs. Katherine Sarah MacKay, Hampton.....	50	0	0
Joseph Turner, Manchester	50	0	0

Voluntary
Income.

An analysis of the amount received in subscriptions, donations and legacies from each of the associated counties during the year is given in the following table. The substantial increase in the aggregate total is due almost entirely to munificent Lancashire bequests, supplemented by handsome legacies from Yorkshire and Cheshire:

Counties.	Maintenance Account.						Sustentation Fund Account.						Total.		
	Annual Subscrip- tions.			Donations.			Legacies.		Donations.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Lancashire	1560	17	9	34	9	0	3624	11	6	...	...	...	5219	18	3
Yorkshire	1108	9	2	14	3	0	501	0	0	21	0	0	1644	12	2
Cheshire	381	10	0	19	19	0	560	0	0	200	0	0	1161	9	0
Durham	302	14	6	1	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	304	4	6
Cumberland	194	9	6	5	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	199	9	6
Northumberland	183	5	0	2	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	185	7	0
Westmorland ...	141	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	13	10
	3872	19	9	77	3	0	4685	11	6	221	0	0	8856	14	3

Acknowledgments,

Medical
Superintendent.

Assistant
Medical Officer
and Staff.

Secretary and
Office Staff.

Ladies'
Associations.

Aggregate
Collection.

Individual
Aggregates.

Individual
Collections.

With regard to the ladies, it is impossible to speak too highly of the courage and success with which they continue to face the special difficulties of the times. In the large industrial areas of the northern counties these difficulties have been felt with great severity, but the members of the Ladies' Associations have not allowed this to damp their enthusiasm, and their unwavering support is most gratefully appreciated. In this quinquennial review, attention may appropriately be drawn to the fact that the past year's collection of £2,529 increases to the splendid total of £110,000 the aggregate amount obtained by the members of the various Associations since the first of these organisations was formed at Durham in the year 1875. These results have been secured by a succession of devoted workers, whose numbers during the past year have exceeded four hundred. Prominent amongst them is Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford Association), who has since 1885 accumulated a total of £1,896, including the past year's collection of £34. Other large amounts have been obtained by Mrs. J. C. Ellison (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Liverpool Association), with a collection of £66 and an aggregate of £775; Mrs. Arthur Duncan (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Bradford Association), £67 making £754; Mrs. and the Misses Crossley (Hebden Bridge), £22 making £674; Mrs. John Powell (Crewe), £15 making £599; and Mr. S. Mortimer (Cleckheaton), £38 making £520. Miss Rayner's large collection in the Brighouse district is now being continued by Mrs. Lister Brook; last year it amounted to £79. Mention of other successful collectors must again be restricted to those who have during the year obtained not less than £15 each. Of these ladies, Miss Thomson (Huddersfield) has collected £66, Miss Annandale (Lancaster) £55, Miss K. Laing (Newcastle) nearly £40, Miss Macfie (Chester) £32, Miss Taylor Smith (West Hartlepool) £31, Mrs. Grimes (Seaham Harbour) £30, Mrs. Greenwood (Todmorden), Miss Mason Hutchinson (Bromborough), Miss Dorothy Coutts (Windermere), Lady Paton (Southport), Mrs. Percy H. Leigh (Worsley), Mrs. Ramsay (Blackburn), Miss P. G. Crossley (Hebden Bridge) and Miss E. Cameron Mawson (Gateshead) from £20 to £30 each, and Mrs. Eliot Cohen (Liverpool), Mrs. Crossley Wright (Halifax), Miss F. A. Walton (Burnley), Miss Pownall (Neston), Mrs. Anthony Wilson (Keswick), Mr. James Rochester (Gateshead), Mrs. Grommé (Manchester), Lady Horsfall (Keighley), Mrs. Scott (Burneside), Miss Irene Cheetham (Middleton) and Miss Sleath (Halifax) from £15 to

£20 each. The large collections carried on by Mrs. Greenwood at Todmorden and Miss Dorothy Coutts at Windermere are being successfully continued by Mrs. Ingham and Miss Mann. Particulars of the amount collected by each Association during the twelve months ending the 31st of March last are here given :

	Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.			Details of Annual Collection
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
MANCHESTER, SALFORD & SOUTH LANCASHIRE:										
Manchester and Salford.....	235	4	3	2	0	0	237	4	3	
Bury Branch	64	6	1	...			64	6	1	
Rochdale Branch	60	2	0	...			60	2	0	
Burnley Branch	47	18	0	...			47	18	0	
Warrington Branch	36	18	6	...			36	18	6	
Bolton Branch	25	3	6	...			25	3	6	
Oldham Branch	21	7	6	...			21	7	6	
Wigan Branch	14	12	0	...			14	12	0	
Leigh Branch	6	16	0	...			6	16	0	
Ashton Branch	6	6	0	...			6	6	0	
	518	13	10	2	0	0	520	13	10	
CHESHIRE	337	16	6	3	3	0	340	19	6	
DURHAM	278	12	6	...			278	12	6	
HALIFAX	227	6	6	...			227	6	6	
CUMBERLAND	175	1	6	5	0	0	180	1	6	
BRADFORD	146	15	5	21	0	0	167	15	5	
NORTHUMBERLAND & NEWCASTLE	140	0	0	...			140	0	0	
LIVERPOOL	133	2	0	1	0	0	134	2	0	
WESTMORLAND	124	9	4	...			124	9	4	
HUDDERSFIELD	113	13	0	...			113	13	0	
SOUTHPORT	80	2	9	...			80	2	9	
LEEDS	65	13	6	...			65	13	6	
LANCASTER	54	15	6	...			54	15	6	
NORTH LONSDALE	42	11	6	...			42	11	6	
YORK, THIRSK & N. & E. RIDINGS	27	7	0	...			27	7	0	
BLACKBURN	22	1	0	...			22	1	0	
PRESTON	5	4	6	...			5	4	6	
SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE	4	6	9	...			4	6	9	
	£2497	13	1	32	3	0	2529	16	1	

With so large a number of voluntary helpers, many changes must necessarily from time to time be recorded. Death has unfortunately removed several earnest workers and supporters, leaving vacancies which are not easily filled under existing conditions. These losses include subscribers such as Sir W. P. Hartley, who took a practical interest in the work of the Institution and supported it generously; Hon. Officers such as Mr. T. A. Argles, D.L. (Chairman for 34 years past of the Westmorland Committee), Dr. Thomas Lyle (Hon. Secretary

Deaths.

of the Northumberland Committee for the past 18 years) and Miss D. C. Robinson (Receiver since 1914 for the Rural Deanery of Wigton); a successful Collector in Miss Ada Smith (New Brighton), who had aggregated £304 during the past 20 years; and three members of the Central Committee in Sir John Ainsworth (Gosforth), Dr. John Irving (Huddersfield) and Mr. W. P. Park (Preston). Mr. Park held the Hon. Treasurership of the Preston Committee for the long term of 46 years, and for the past 32 years he had also served on the Central Committee as a local representative.

Resignations.

The resignations, mostly due to removal to other districts, include that of Sir Charles Brown, F.R.C.P., who has for more than fifty years past rendered valuable assistance. Sir Charles had the distinction of ranking as the senior Hon. Officer, having served as Hon. Secretary of the Preston Committee from the year 1870, besides acting since 1916 as one of the local members of the Central Committee. The Committee also have to regret the retirement of Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter, G.C.B., G.C.V.O. (London), Mrs. Jacob Wakefield (Kendal), Mr. F. W. Crewdson (Milnthorpe) and Mr. John Platt (London). Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter represented Durham and Mrs. Wakefield Westmorland; Mr. Crewdson and Mr. Platt have respectively represented Westmorland and Manchester for 20 and 18 years past. Mrs. Donald Jones has resigned the Hon. Secretaryship of the Cumberland Association in consequence of her removal to Durham, and amongst other ladies who have retired are Miss Nelson (Leeds), who has collected £328 since 1882, Mrs. Francis Barnston (Malpas), £314 since 1886, and Miss Dorothy Coutts (Windermere), £121 since 1918.

Appointments.

Happily many of these vacancies have now been satisfactorily filled. The membership of the Central Committee has been strengthened by the appointment of the following local representatives: Miss E. Mozley (Leeds), Mrs. Crossley Wright (Halifax), Miss S. B. Rayner (Brighouse), Mrs. T. E. Bridgen (Manchester), Miss H. C. Brierley, Mr. Samuel Turner and Councillor Wm. Crossley (Rochdale), Dr. F. W. Collinson and Mr. Barclay Clemesha (Preston), Miss W. M. Wilson (Kendal), Dr. C. D. Pye-Smith (Huddersfield) and Mr. J. E. Singleton, K.C., M.P. (Liverpool). Dr. Collinson has also consented to act as Hon. Secretary of the Preston Committee, thus filling the vacancy caused by Sir Charles Brown's retirement. The services of Lady Royds

during the past 37 years have been recognised by her appointment as President of the Rochdale Ladies' Association, of which Miss Brierley has become the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; while Ald. J. R. Heape has accepted the Chairmanship, and Councillor Crossley the Hon. Treasurership, of the Rochdale Committee. Mrs. Pilkington Turner has been associated with Mrs. Bridgen and Mrs. Rothband as one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Manchester and South Lancashire Association. Col. F. Haworth, O.B.E., D.L., has accepted the Chairmanship of the Westmorland Committee in place of the late Mr. Argles; Major Carleton Salkeld has succeeded Sir R. A. Allison as the Hon. Treasurer of the Cumberland Committee; and the vacancy in the Hon. Secretaryship of the Southport Committee caused by Mr. W. A. Boothroyd's retirement after eighteen years' service has been filled by the appointment of Mr. T. G. Phillips.

As an indication of growing interest in this particular work, it may be mentioned that during the year visits have been received from the members of various Associations, some of whom have taken advantage of the opportunity of holding their annual meetings at the Institution. The Central Lancashire and the North Lancashire Associations for Mental Welfare respectively visited the Institution in September and October last, and in November it was inspected by the members of the North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch of the British Medical Association. In July last, the Westmorland Committee and Ladies' Association paid a long-deferred visit, and spent the day in looking through the different departments. Those who took part in these excursions were delighted with all they saw, and freely expressed their pleasure at the singing and dancing of the patients in the Winmarleigh Hall and their admiration of the excellent work done in the school and industrial classes and in the Herbert Storey Workshops. Special efforts at various places also help to make the work of the Institution better known, besides bringing in welcome additions to the funds, and the services of those by whom they have been promoted are very gratefully recognised. The members of the Congregational Mothers' Meeting at Otley, headed by Mrs. Arthur Duncan, have continued their successful efforts, and have realised a total of £46 by means of a concert, whist-drive and teas. Mrs. Widdrington has again devoted to the Institution part of the proceeds of her annual garden festival at Newton Hall, Felton. Mrs. Eliot

Visits of
Associations.

Special Efforts.

Cohen, at Liverpool, has obtained £44 as the result of a bridge-tournament, which she hopes to repeat another year; and this effort has since been followed by a successful meeting in connection with the Liverpool Ladies' Association, organised by the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. Ellison), and held at the Town Hall on the 18th of October under the presidency of the Lady Mayoress. A sale of work at Carlisle on the 31st of May, promoted by Mrs. J. W. Walker, brought in about fifty guineas; and a similar appeal has just been made in connection with the Warrington Ladies' Association by Mrs. Aylmer Frost (President) and Mrs. Johnson (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). The flag-days at Crewe on the 27th and 28th of July unfortunately included a rainy Saturday, otherwise the proceeds would probably have amounted to a much larger sum than the £21 actually received.

Board
of Control.

The Commissioners of the Board of Control paid an official visit on the 25th of May last, and as their Report summarises the position and requirements of the Institution the following extracts may prove of interest:

We have to-day visited all parts of this well-managed Institution, and have been very pleased with and interested in the excellent work that is being carried on. The patients of both sexes had a happy and contented appearance, and there can be no question that they are treated with all proper kindness and consideration.

In the morning we visited the schools, including the low-grade, testing and high-grade classes; the classification generally according to mental capacity appeared to us to be carried out on suitable lines, with a proper appreciation of individual abilities. We then proceeded to the various shops where the usual trades in which defectives can advantageously be employed are carried on with great efficiency and interest. In the afternoon we had the opportunity of seeing a portion of a musical and dancing entertainment which had been recently given in public by some of the patients of both sexes assisted by the staff. The performance was most creditable both to the performers and their instructors, and was also much appreciated by the other patients who were present, as well as by ourselves.

The Ashton Wing is now being enlarged by the addition of new verandahs at a cost of £1,050. Our Board have recently approved plans for a new Reception House, which will probably cost about £6,000 and will accommodate 28 patients. This building will be situated on a suitable site near the previous Reception House, which has recently been converted into a Tuberculosis Hospital. The need for a Tuberculosis Hospital was acutely felt, and the conversion of the old Reception House for this purpose was therefore desirable. This new Reception House will now take the place of the other, and will be a useful addition. The chief need of the Institution at present is accommodation, preferably of a pavilion character, for the nursing and care of the most helpless class of defectives, as there

can be no question that an Institution of this size ought to be able to make provision for all grades of defect. We are glad to hear that there is a good prospect of a cinema being installed here shortly.

Besides these statutory inspections, official visits are often paid by deputations from Local Authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act and Boards of Guardians. Facilities are also afforded for the visitation of the inmates by their relatives, who may avail themselves of the further privilege of having patients at home for the annual month's holiday. The appended extracts, selected from a large number of similar entries and letters, show how greatly these privileges are appreciated. The first entry was made last July by a deputation from a Local Authority :

Official
Visits.

Testimony
of Visitors.

The Chairman and two members of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Mental Deficiency Committee record with much pleasure their appreciation of the admirable work done by the patients and the efficiency of the staff of the Institution, as observed by them during their visit.

Another entry made in July by a deputation from the Sheffield Board of Guardians :

On behalf of the Sheffield Board of Guardians, we have this day visited the patients chargeable to the Union, and are pleased to be able to report that all were found in a clean and satisfactory condition. The deputation have nothing but admiration for all they have seen, and are satisfied that the patients are well cared for and quite happy.

Received after the visit of a party of Westmorland collectors and subscribers in July :

I cannot let the occasion pass without thanking you all for your kindness and hospitality when we visited the Royal Albert yesterday. All of us most thoroughly enjoyed our visit, and came away impressed with what we saw and determined to increase our efforts to help an Institution which is doing such excellent work. We shall make a great effort to stimulate interest in the work.

Written in July by the mother of a Liverpool patient elected this year :

Letters
from Parents.

Many thanks for the Report. Indeed it is wonderful reading, and all associated with the Institution live only to make the poor deficient's life a paradise. One can quite understand the patients being so happy, amid such beautiful surroundings and under every care.

Another grateful letter to the Medical Superintendent :

It is with great pleasure we write to express our satisfaction in respect of our dear daughter Lilian. When we visited her on

Monday last we were delighted beyond measure to find her looking so well in so short a time after what she has gone through, and desire to convey our heartfelt gratitude to yourself, the Matron and your assistants for the kindness and attention you must all have given her.

Written to the Secretary in November :

My heart is full of gratitude for all that is being done for my boy, and it is my earnest wish that I could do more for the Institution which is giving him his chance. It made me very happy to see the improvement in him when he was here in August, and the bright, cheerful, happy way he went back could not fail to convince any one of his contented home feeling for the Royal Albert Institution. I cannot say more, only to ask you to accept the heartfelt thanks of his grateful mother.

Received by the Secretary in September :

Once again I must express our grateful appreciation of the love and kindness shown to our little girl.

No finer testimony could be asked for than the love my little daughter displays for the members of the staff with whom she is brought into contact, and perhaps a doting father may be permitted to say no greater return could be given.

The Royal Albert Institution has my sincere congratulations, and I only regret that we did not know of it sooner and save Betty much illness and ourselves terrible anxieties.

Addressed to the Medical Superintendent in August :

My wife and daughter, who have recently returned from a visit to our son Vincent, have given me an account of their experience. I wish to proffer my sincere thanks for the facilities so generously provided, whereby they were able to spend a goodly portion of their brief visit to Lancaster in the company of Vincent. It is most pleasing to learn they found him not only hale and well but also contented and comfortable; indeed I learn that he is particularly proud of his work amongst the live-stock of your huge establishment.

My wife, who unfortunately has not enjoyed good health for a considerable time, was greatly relieved on seeing her son, and it has afforded her much comfort after so long a journey to find such a pleasing condition of things prevailing as is in evidence at your Institution, and I trust you will not mind my stating that it undoubtedly reflects the greatest possible credit on your kindly method of management. Vincent, or Jock as I learn he is more familiarly known, has always been a lovable and obedient lad, and it is a great comfort to all at home to know he is a general favourite with you all. We should indeed be ungrateful were we not thankful for the many kindnesses extended to him by all with whom he comes in contact.

Testimony of this kind is often supplemented by the visit of some former inmate, many of whom like to take advantage of an opportunity of calling at the Institution. Only a few weeks ago an old patient, looking very prosperous, broke his journey home from the Isle of Man in order to revisit the Royal Albert, and explained that he was employed as a photographer by a well-known firm, travelling all over the country for the purpose of filming important events. He said he had been engaged in this way in connection with royal visits to Yorkshire and elsewhere, and added that he had been to California once and Paris twice and was likely to pay a further visit to California as an operator. He showed a taste for drawing and caricature when at the Institution, and his abilities in this direction evidently secured for him his present situation. Artistic talent was turned to good account by an earlier inmate, who held his post with credit to the time of his death; and another has become so proficient in woodcarving that he is now employed as the instructor of that particular class. His original designs, based on drawings from nature, are always admired by visitors, but he is also very clever in devising useful articles of various kinds, and these are in such great demand that he is not able to devote as much time as he would like to the artistic side of his work. Examples could be multiplied of patients who have done well as the result of the training given at the Institution, but as a rule friendly and sympathetic oversight is essential, since a defective, however skilled he may be in his own particular line, must presumably be "incapable of managing himself or his affairs" with ordinary prudence, and must therefore "require care, supervision and control for his own protection or for the protection of others," else he would hardly be certifiable under the definitions laid down by the Mental Deficiency Act.

An Example of Improvement.

Artistic Talent.

Friendly Oversight Essential.

The Institution has now been engaged in its splendid charitable work for nearly sixty years, with what success is shown by the details contained in successive Annual Reports. During this long period, some 4,200 patients have been dealt with, of whom four out of every five have been reported as improved, many to a gratifying extent. Not until the Royal Albert had been in existence for some thirty years was the work taken up by other Institutions in the north of England, but the passing of the Mental Deficiency Act inaugurated a new era, although the intervention of the war has so far prevented that measure from having its full effect. In other respects also,

Historical Review.

Scholastic
Training.

the Institution may justly claim to take a leading place in these northern counties. Its schools have been recognised as models of their kind, and have always been ready to adopt the best and most progressive ideas in matters relating to the training and education of the feeble-minded. Primary considerations are the happiness and welfare of the pupils, and with these aims in mind every effort is made to lead them along lines which will make them as self-reliant and useful as possible. Elementary

Industrial
Training.

industrial classes form part of the school curriculum, and here the children are taught the rudiments of some manual occupation which will afterwards enable them to do the work for which they are best adapted and in which they are most likely to take an interest. This training is continued in the workshops or in some other department, where every inmate who is capable of useful work has the opportunity of making the most of any special aptitude he may possess. More than a dozen different trades are taught, including such industries as tailoring, shoe-making, basketmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, wood-carving, toymaking and printing, with knitting, sewing, lacemaking, cookery and other household occupations for the girls; while the farms and gardens afford ample scope for patients for whom outdoor employment is found more suitable.

Recreations.

Nor must it be supposed that the amenities of life are in any way neglected. Most of the inmates take great delight in music, and frequent entertainments are arranged for their benefit; singing and dancing are other favourite diversions, and their proficiency in these accomplishments arouses the admiration of visitors; the grounds and recreation fields are available for walks and games; and the installation of the cinematograph will bring within their reach all the advantages conferred by one of the latest triumphs of human ingenuity.

Concluding
Appeal.

With such a record of service and progress to the credit of the Royal Albert the Committee feel that they may with confidence renew their earnest appeal for the generous support required to enable the Institution to continue and expand the beneficent work in which it has been so long and so successfully engaged.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH,

CHAIRMAN.



ACTION SONG AND CHORUS.



PARTNER DANCE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Institution.

MY LORD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Report for the year ending March 31st, 1923.

The following summary may be useful and attention may be drawn to the fact that the total number of patients has considerably risen since March 31st, 1922:

Summary.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Institution, March 31st, 1922 ...	477	259	736
Admitted	83	35	118
Discharged	23	13	36
Died	10	9	19
Aggregate number	560	294	854
Daily average	496	264	760
Maximum number	527	274	801
In the Institution, March 31st, 1923 ...	527	272	799

As was to be expected, last year's mortality total being so exceptionally low, the number of deaths shows an increase, the rate now being 2·5 per cent of the population. Influenzal pneumonia accounted for the largest proportion, the incidence of this disease falling more especially on the female side. It is generally known that mental defectives as well as the insane are extremely prone to succumb to acute infection such as is caused by the pneumonia organism.

Death-rate.

The detailed list of deaths is as follows:

Deaths.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Acute Primary Pneumonia	1	1	2
Broncho Pneumonia	0	1	1
Influenzal Pneumonia	2	3	5
Secondary Pneumonia	0	1	1
General Tuberculosis	1	0	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	1	3
Chronic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Epilepsy	0	1	1
Multiple Abscesses	1	0	1
Cretinism	1	0	1
Mongolian Imbecility	1	0	1
Total	10	9	19

Verandahs.

A fresh addition to the Institution has been recently carried out by the erection of verandahs attached to the Upper and Lower Ashton Wings. These are now in use and have proved very advantageous during the prevalence of the hot weather; by playing games and by having meals in them the patients utilize them as open-air dayrooms. The opportunity has been taken this year of introducing several minor alterations, and also it has been found necessary to undertake a considerable amount of inside and outside painting, which item has of course been over-long delayed owing to post-war conditions. A gang of less-intelligent senior boys, under the charge of an attendant, during the year painted a considerable length of railings on the estate. A further set of eight wash-basins is being installed in the boys' lavatory.

Painting.

Clerk
of Works.

The various alterations and additions that have been carried out during the year have entailed a large amount of work on the part of the Clerk of Works, Mr. F. W. Leach, so that I have pleasure in thanking him for relieving me of much responsibility by exercising energetic and efficient supervision during the time the work has been in progress.

Death of Head
Schoolmistress.

I have to report with deep regret the death, after prolonged illness, of Mrs. Agnes Maud Walker. Unfortunately, soon after she was definitely appointed Headmistress, she was taken ill, and although she made a valiant effort to resume duty it was found impossible for her to continue the work. Mrs. Coles, another member of the staff, therefore has performed the duties of acting Headmistress, and I have to express satisfaction with the way the work of the schools has been carried on under her supervision. There is no special development of the school or other work to record other than that the manual occupations in school and the industries of the patients over sixteen have been more firmly established and extended. As novelties I may particularly mention the commencement of leather work on the senior boys' side, bags and other articles of this material having already been finished, and the manufacture by female patients of crepe-paper hats. From the skins of some of the rabbits bred at the Institution rugs have been made.

Schools.

Installation of
Cinematograph.

A further use of the Winmarleigh Hall is contemplated, as it is intended to install a cinematograph therein during the coming winter, the most modern arrangement with a

transparent screen, illuminated from behind, being the plan decided upon. This proposal is in accordance with progressive ideas, as most mental institutions nowadays make arrangements to provide their inmates with amusement of this character.

A large audience was present on March 21st to see the display of the children's eurhythmic dances and action songs, and judging by the applause and subsequent comments this exhibition met with the appreciation of the visitors. Those present realised not alone the interest the children took in the whole of the items but the amount of painstaking training by the teachers that had led to the results shown. The possession of a large stage with footlights and electrical appliances enables us to do justice to the dramatic side of these exercises, of whose value every mental-deficiency instructor ought to be aware.

Action Songs
and Dances.

The weekly patients' dance was held on Monday evenings during the winter, and the customary large audience attended the Christmas Tree distribution which took place on December 29th. The annual staff social evening, consisting of a whist drive and dance, was held on January 4th. A wireless installation in my office has since Christmas Day given pleasure and instruction to a number of patients and staff. Institution teams, consisting mainly of male patients, have done themselves justice in both cricket and football. The cricket team won 8 out of 13 matches played against teams from outside, and the footballers were successful in 77 per cent. of the games, which were all played on our ground. The numerous kind helpers who have so generously supported the Patients' Amusement Fund may like to know that their contributions have enabled me to send many patients for country outings or to Morecambe. Numerous visits financed by this fund have also been made to the local cinemas and to the theatre when suitable entertainments, such as pantomimes, have come to the town.

Entertainments
and
Amusements.

No very special cases of clinical interest have been admitted during the year, but I have been consulted during this period about several children who have undergone much mental change as a result of attacks of sleepy sickness (encephalitis lethargica). Cases of this class, which attract considerable attention in medical circles, are interesting from the practical point of view, as it is not always easy to advise as

Interesting
Cases.

to the best method of dealing with them. It is usually obvious that they require some procedure other than home treatment, but when their behaviour is abnormal and troublesome, as is often the case, there are not many Institutions willing to deal with them. Authorities have therefore difficulty in placing them, and it is very doubtful if strictly speaking they come within the purview of the Mental Deficiency Act, and even more dubious that they are properly certifiable under the Lunacy Act. My own view is that if the damage to the brain is obviously permanent, and the children are not above the age of 15 years, then it is justifiable to certify them under the Mental Deficiency Act, and in the case of two admissions during the year this course was followed.

Among the patients shown to medical visitors is one of the female sex who has been a resident in the Institution for some years and has now been proved to be an example of a curious mal-development of the neck and upper thorax to which attention has recently been drawn in France. These cases, which have a characteristic appearance, and which so far are very few in number, differ from our own in that they have occurred in those of normal mentality, and consequently in this respect the patient is unique. Professor Sir Arthur Keith kindly suggested to me that the condition would be correctly described as "brevicollis," a term preferable to the one used in the French reports, where it was designated "les hommes sans cou."

Racial Progress.

The thoughtful observer of human effort at the present time must come to the conclusion that there is much happening that reminds him of the period of decline of the Greek and Roman nations, which, however, Tertullian, an ancient writer, said was not due to birth control. Doubtless birth control is a very contentious subject, but all must agree that the ideal to be kept in view is the possibility of continued racial progress.

Modern Ideas.

The influence possible over our environment is greater now than in any former age, so that by education, enlightened effort and eugenical ideals we ought to be able to utilise the advanced knowledge of nature that we now possess, in order to promote the improvement of the race. By a sound knowledge of biological doctrine and the principles of heredity we shall ensure that the propagation of degenerates—mental, physical and moral—shall be lessened and the general standard of the race consistently raised. Having been one of the signatories

of a unanimous declaration, by the medical members of the Council of the Central Association for Mental Welfare, that the compulsory sterilisation of the mental defective is not yet advisable as a public policy, I must at the same time add that the eugenic goal we aim at should be possible, if an intelligent human selection co-operates with natural selection. I venture to say that it is *real* education that will bring this about, and then a well-instructed public opinion will not need to invoke the law of compulsion.

I have once more to extend cordial thanks to the officials and staff, and especially to the Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. C. J. Henderson, whose valuable services during the year have relieved me of much work and anxiety. The general routine of the Institution has been carried on with a commendable spirit of goodwill, thus promoting the well-being of the inmates. The continued active support of your Lordship and the Committee has enabled my work as Superintendent to be not alone pleasant but I hope much more efficient.

Acknowledge-
ments.

In conclusion, on the occasion of this Quinquennial Festival, it is pleasing to record that twenty-seven members of the present staff have completed twenty-five years' service, and of these seven (Worthy Parsons, Edward B. Shaw, Nurse Elizabeth Atkinson, Edmund M. Sutcliffe, Albert Macdonald, Nurse Jane Irwin and Frederick Varey) have each served the Institution for upwards of forty years. Two others (George Parsons and Thomas Cumpsty) retired in 1921 after having served respectively for fifty and forty-five years.

Staff Records.

I am,

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. COUPLAND,

September 28th, 1923.

Medical Superintendent.

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during the year.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Much improved	} <i>Relieved</i>	2	2	4
Moderately improved		3	2	5
Slightly improved		11	5	16
Not improved		7	4	11
Total	...	23	13	36

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS from December 14th, 1870, to March 31st, 1923.

Admissions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4184
Discharges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2577
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	808
In Institution on March 31st, 1923	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	799
										— 4184

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much improved	} <i>Relieved</i>	...	...	731	or	28·37	per cent.
Moderately improved		...	...	715	or	27·74	„
Slightly improved		...	...	614	or	23·82	„
				2060	or	79·93	„
Not improved	...	...	...	517	or	20·07	„
Total	...	...	...	2577	or	100·00	„

AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Institution, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	54	17	71	0	1	1
10 „ 15 „	...	118	60	178	3	3	6
15 „ 20 „	...	156	80	236	4	2	6
20 and upwards	...	232	137	369	3	3	6
		560	294	854	10	9	19



MAYPOLE



"TEN LITTLE NIGGER BOYS"

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 4th SEPTEMBER, 1923.

In accordance with the appointment of the last annual meeting, I have made a careful audit of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Royal Albert Institution for the year ended 31st March, 1923, and have obtained all the information and explanations which I have required.

The books have been kept with neatness and accuracy, and in my opinion the Annual Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Institution according to the best of my information and as shown by the books.

The deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund investments have been exhibited to me and are all in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,

Auditor.

ADDITIONAL LEGACIES

RECEIVED

SINCE THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1923.

Louis Walker, Bradford	£1,800	0	0
Mrs. Mary Ann McCarthy, Silverdale ...	500	11	4
Miss Isabel Robinson, Cockermouth ...	200	0	0
	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

M A I N T E N A N C E

Dr.

From April 1st, 1922,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1922				3,775	10	5
Payments for Patients :						
From Local and other Statutory						
Authorities	32,148	2	6			
From Private Sources	10,669	9	9			
Annual Subscriptions	3,872	19	9			
Donations	77	3	0			
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments (Including £17 11s. 10d. "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")	7,772	6	11			
Rent	378	9	0			
Bank Interest	124	7	2			
				55,042	18	1
Farm and Garden Account :						
Produce sold	1,845	6	10			
Produce supplied to Institution	6,539	3	8			
				8,384	10	6

£67,202 19 0

*Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—4th September, 1923.*
A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1923.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages (including Medical Attendance)	18,065	13	8			
Provisions	11,340	7	2			
Uniforms and Patients' Clothing	2,381	19	6			
Medical Requisites and Drugs	228	8	3			
Furniture and Bedding	1,974	18	10			
Fuel, Lighting and Water	4,755	3	11			
Washing and Cleaning Articles and other Necessaries	560	8	6			
Travelling Expenses and Conveyance and Removal of Patients	338	5	5			
Books, Postage, Printing, Stationery and Advertisements	883	9	0			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,477	6	8			
Maintenance and Repairs of Buildings and Machinery	1,788	1	9			
	<hr/>			43,794	2	8
Charges for Land and Buildings :						
Structural Improvements, Additions and Alterations	800	0	0			
Transfer to Sinking Fund	250	0	0			
Transfer to Extensions and Improvements Account	12,000	0	0			
	<hr/>			13,050	0	0
Farm and Garden Account :						
Wages	1,586	13	8			
Live Stock purchased	2,203	19	4			
Provender, Seeds and Manure	2,405	17	8			
Other items	637	6	11			
	<hr/>			6,833	17	7
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1923				3,524	18	9

£67,202 19 0

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee :

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

EXTENSIONS AND IM-

Dr.

From April 1st, 1922,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Maintenance Account	12,000	0	0
	<u>£12,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct.—4th September, 1923.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From April 1st, 1922,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Legacies	4,685	11	6			
Donations	221	0	0			
Life Interest Payments	109	0	0			
				5,015	11	6
Sale of £19,150 War Stock				18,969	11	0
				<u>£23,985</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

Audited and found correct.—4th September, 1923.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SINKING FUND

Dr.

From April 1st, 1922,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1922	777	8	9
Maintenance Account	250	0	0
Proportion of Interest on Redeemable Colonial Govern- ment Stocks	20	0	0
Bank Interest	3	14	4
Interest on Consols	33	15	0
Balance due to Bank, March 31st, 1923	26	10	9
	<u>£1,111</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

Audited and found correct.—4th September, 1923.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

PROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.*to March 31st, 1923.***Cr.****Expenditure.**

Investment :	£	s.	d.
£10,000 Lancaster Corporation 4½ per cent. Loan	10,000	0	0
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1923	2,000	0	0
	£12,000	0	0

*Signed on behalf of the Central Committee :*RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.***ANNUAL ACCOUNT.***to March 31st, 1923.***Cr.****Expenditure.**

	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Bank, April 1st, 1922	48	19	1
Investments :			
£25,500 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock	18,934	13	0
£3,000 New Zealand Government 3½ per cent. Stock	2,460	4	0
£650 Do. do. do.	543	13	3
£350 Do. do. do.	293	6	0
£2,000 Canadian Government 3½ per cent. Stock ...	1,605	4	0
£100 Bradford Corporation 3½ per cent. Stock	82	0	6
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1923	17	2	8
	£23,985	2	6

*Signed on behalf of the Central Committee :*RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.***ACCOUNT.***to March 31st, 1923.***Cr.****Expenditure.**

Investment :	£	s.	d.
£1,300 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock	751	13	3
£600 Do. do.	358	18	6
Bank Commission	17	1	
	£1,111	8	10

*Signed on behalf of the Central Committee :*RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

*(including Donations to the General, Maintenance and Sustentation Funds,
and current Annual Subscriptions)*

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED
AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

									Donations.			Annual Sub- scriptions.		
									£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38049	9	4	237	9	1
LIVERPOOL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13989	0	10	251	16	0
MANCHESTER	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12464	6	0	477	19	9
BRADFORD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11896	18	8	321	3	11
PRESTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9652	19	4	49	2	8
ROCHDALE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8611	7	10	122	7	0
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7094	2	0	141	13	10
HALIFAX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6562	12	6	248	1	0
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6498	13	4	381	10	0
LEEDS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6431	6	6	105	10	6
OLDHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6214	7	3	38	3	6
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6156	14	9	194	9	6
SHEFFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6061	7	6	68	0	8
YORK	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2955	5	4	30	19	0
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2883	18	1	302	14	6
NORTH LONSDALE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2691	15	8	82	8	11
BURY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2168	2	2	64	6	1
BOLTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2101	14	10	91	4	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2090	12	3	183	5	0
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1957	1	5	147	5	0
BLACKBURN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1852	16	0	22	1	0
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1508	17	0	2	2	0
SETTLE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1477	12	11	4	4	0
SOUTHPORT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1231	16	0	84	17	3
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1219	14	4	48	19	0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1071	14	7	3	13	6
WAKEFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	985	0	7	6	11	0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	945	15	1	43	4	6
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	736	8	10	22	13	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	674	13	6	6	6	0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	388	6	8	17	6	0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	387	8	6	1	1	0
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	368	19	4	2	14	6
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	297	14	6	9	5	0
DONCASTER	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	184	4	9	4	4	0

SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.



LOADING HAY



PATIENTS GARDENING

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Aitken, Dr. James, Lancaster, £2 for Rodgett Infirmary Patients; £2 for Storey Home Patients; £1 for Staff Library.
 Anonymous, £26 5s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.
 Anonymous, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund.
 Anonymous, Magazines for Staff Library.
 Beck, G. M., Ravenstonedale, Toys.
 Booth, Mrs., Shipley, Silks for Industries.
 Dent, Mrs., Lancaster, Large Parcel of Books and Post Cards.
 Flores, F. W., Bradford, Parcel of Wool for Industries.
 Gill, J., Normanton, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund.
 Hodgson, Mrs. C. W. Allan, Carlisle, Materials for Needlework.
 Joseph, Mrs., Seaham Harbour, "Girls' Own Paper".
 Marshall, Mrs., Huddersfield, 10s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.
 Masterman, T., Darlington, Large Parcel of Worsted Clothing for Patients.
 McRaith, Mrs., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
 Millar, Mrs., Stanley, Co. Durham, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund.
 Naylor, Mrs., Burnley, Chocolates for Rodgett Infirmary Patients and 10s..
 Nicholas, Mrs., Sheffield, 10s. for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
 Parkinson, Mrs., Lancaster, Hats for Patients.
 Richardson, Mrs., Lancaster, Clothing, Kitchen Clock, Mahogany Chairs, etc.
 Wigley, Mrs., Lancaster, Ten Clock Calendars.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

<p>A Friend, Silverdale, Dolls, Toys, Scrap Book. Akeroyd, Mrs. A., Birstal, Leeds, 3s. Allinson, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Picture Books. Anonymous, Shropshire, 12 Scrap Books. Anonymous, for Rodgett Infirmary Patients, 10s. Anonymous, 15 prs. Gloves, 28 Ties, 2 Caps. Armstrong, Mrs., Darlington, 6s. Baker, Mrs. L., Thorne, Doncaster, 5s. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. P., Dewsbury, 15s. Barrow, Misses, Lancaster, 40 Bags of Sweets. Barrow, Miss S. E., Lancaster, 5s. Bate, Alexander, Lancaster, Sweets. Bayley, Mrs. E. S., Lancaster, 5s. Benson, Mrs. A. N., Lancaster, Crackers. Berry, Mrs. M. G., Barnacre, Garstang, 10s. Bickerstaff, H., Lancaster, Sweets, Balloons, etc. Blackburn, John, Blaydon-on-Tyne, 10s. Booth, G. J., Arkholme, Carnforth, 10s.</p>	<p>Bradford, W., Lancaster, Case of Oranges. Breckons, Mrs., Hazelrigg, Belford, 10s. Briggs, Mrs. F., Silsden, £5. Briggs, Wm., D.L., Lancaster, £1 1s. Brown, Sir Charles, Preston, £1 1s. Brunskill, J. & Son, Kendal, Lace Collarettes, Blouses, etc. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. R., Upholland, Wigan, Jars of Jam and 10s. 6d. Burton, Mrs., Halifax, Doll, Hair Ribbon, Chocolate. Calvert, Herbert, Penwortham, Preston, £1. Cardwell, Mr. and Mrs. E., Lancaster, French Doll and 5s. Carpenter, A. E., Belton, Doncaster, 10s. Carter, Mrs., Ashington, Northumberland, 2s. 6d. Chirnside, Mrs. George, Bare, 10s. 6d. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. F., Moor Allerton, Leeds, Crackers, Sweets, Woollen Cuffs, Rocking Horse and £2. Clark, Mrs. J. G. E., Lancaster, Night-dress Cases, Sweets. Cock, Mrs. E., Rossall Beach, Fleetwood, £1 1s.</p>
---	---

- Cockerill, Miss F., Lancaster, Dolls, etc.
- Constable, H. W., Goole, 7s. 6d.
- Cookson, J. W., Lancaster, 5s.
- Croft & Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
- Cross, Mrs. E., Lancaster, 10s.
- Cross, Miss Dorothy, Lancaster, Picture Books.
- Cross, T. & Son, Lancaster, Large Santa Claus Stocking.
- Dalton, R. B., Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers and Christmas Stockings.
- Dewhurst, W. Vernon, Lancaster, 5s.
- Dickinson, J., Heswall Hills, Cheshire, 2 Cases of Oranges and 4 Cases of Apples.
- Dilworth, T., Lancaster, Sweets, etc.
- Douthwaite, Mrs. A., Sheffield, 10s.
- Dowler, J. F., and Mrs., Wallasey, Clothing for Patients and £2.
- Dyke, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 5s.
- E. M. W., Morecambe, Christmas Cards.
- Edmondson, Mrs. Watts, Lancaster, Cake.
- Edwards, E. L., Wallasey, Box of Apples.
- Edwards, Mrs. E., Lancaster, 10s.
- Ewan, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls and Toys.
- Fendley, Mrs. and Miss, Lancaster, Toys.
- Field, Mr. and Mrs., Dewsbury, 2s. 6d.
- Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. John A., Higher Crumpsall, Manchester, 5s.
- Fitchett, S. A. E., Brondesbury, London, £1 1s., and 2s. 6d. for Kitchen Boys.
- French, Wm., Lancaster, 10s. 6d.
- Frost, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls.
- Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Lancaster, 5s.
- Gregson, Mrs., and Miss Taylor, Scotforth, Dolls, Games and Toys.
- Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, £1 1s.
- Groves, H. L., Windermere, £1 1s.
- Harbottle, T., Stockton-on-Tees, Cases of Oranges.
- Hartley, Mrs. Wilkinson, Carr Hall, Nelson, £1 1s.
- Haworth, Col. F., D.L., Loughrigg, Ambleside, 10s.
- Hayhurst, Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Cakes.
- Heald, Miss, Lancaster, £1 1s.
- Helme, Sir Norval and Lady, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
- Heywood, Mrs., Lancaster, Crackers.
- Hodgson, J. B., Lancaster, £1 1s.
- High, Mrs. Martin, Lancaster, 10s.
- Hollyhead, Mrs., Featherstone, Pontefract, 2s. 6d.
- Hubbins, Mrs. E., Hereford, 3s.
- Ingham, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls and Toys.
- Ireland, Mrs. C. A., Arkholme, Carnforth, 2s. 6d.
- Irving, Dr. John, Huddersfield, £1 1s.
- Jackson, George, Lancaster, £1 10s.
- Jackson, R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 10s.
- Jameson, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 10s.
- Johnson, Miss A., Lancaster, 5s.
- Johnson, Mrs. F. D. and Mrs. E. N., Lancaster, Crackers, Sweets, Biscuits, etc.
- Jones, Mrs. F., Cheadle Heath, 10s. 6d.
- Kay, Mrs., Dunford Bridge, Sheffield. Christmas Stockings and 2s. 6d. for Patients' Amusement Fund.
- Kelsey, Mrs. A., Sheffield, 2s. 6d.
- King, Mrs. M. S. B., Morecambe, Toys.
- Kirkby, Mrs. E., Lancaster, Gloves, Wallets, Needlecases.
- Lambert, Mr. and Mrs., Witherslack, Box of Apples.
- Lamport, Mrs. H. C., Lancaster, £1 1s.
- Lancaster & District Co-operative Society, Case of Oranges and 2 Tins of Sweets.
- Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. W., Blackpool, £3.
- Lawson, Mrs., Blackpool, Chocolate for Christmas Trees.
- Lawson & Sons, Lancaster, Games, Picture Books, Christmas Card Books, etc.
- Leveen, H., Leeds, 5s.
- Lomas, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s.
- Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J., Thongsbridge, Huddersfield, 5s.
- McFarlane, George, Kirby Moorside, 6s.
- Middlebrooke, J., Tunstall, Staffs., 5s.
- Millington, Miss, Lancaster, 18 Picture Books.
- Millington, Mrs., Southwell, Notts., 5s.
- Morecambe Tower Co., per Mr. H. R. V. Addenbrooke, 10s. 6d.

- Moorhouse, S., Grimethorpe, Barnsley, 10s.
- Moore Smith, Miss M. A., Scrap Books.
- Naylor, Mrs. B., Burnley, Cakes, Box of Sweets and 6s.
- Newton, F. Phillips, Morecambe, Assorted Toys.
- Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A., Crookes, Sheffield, £2.
- Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs., Manchester, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Hair Ribbons.
- Nicholson & Co., Lancaster, £1 1s.
- Nuttall, Miss, Morecambe, Parcels for Patients and 5s.
- Parker, William, Low Bentham, Christmas Cards.
- Parkinson, Misses, Scotforth, Crackers and Chocolate.
- Parkinson, Mrs. T., Warrington, 2s. 6d.
- Parkinson, Mrs. Joseph, Scotforth, Lancaster, 10s.
- Paterson, Mrs., Gateshead, Cake.
- Paulden, T. L., Southport, £10 10s.
- Pennington, G., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 5s.
- Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. T., Irlam, Manchester, 7s. 6d.
- Pritchard, A. G., Liverpool, Toys.
- Procter, J. P., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s.
- Procter, William, Scotforth, 4s.
- Rawes, Mrs. Edward, Lancaster, Crackers and 2s. 6d.
- Reed, Miss A., Benton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, £1.
- Religious Tract Society, London, Books, Magazines, etc.
- Richardson, Miss E., Lancaster, 5s.
- Riley and Cottam, Misses, Lancaster, Toys, Crackers, etc.
- Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas., Lancaster, Balls and Picture Books.
- Robinson, J. A., Lancaster, Crackers, Sweets, etc.
- Rodger, J. W., Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, £1.
- Roper, Mrs., London, £1 1s.
- Russell, Miss, Ashton-on-Mersey, £2.
- Saxton, Mr., Rugby, 5s.
- Seward, C. F., Lancaster, £1.
- Sharples, Mr. and Mrs., Whiston, Prescott, 5s.
- Sheen, J. R., Seacombe, Balls and Handkerchiefs.
- Sherren, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.
- Shuttleworth, Dr. and Mrs., Hampstead, London, Boxes of Crackers.
- Simpson, Mrs., Scotforth, Toys.
- Simpson, Misses, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers and 10s.
- Simpson, Mrs. W. M., Scotforth, Lancaster, Dolls, etc.
- Smith, Mrs. J. W., Sheffield, £1.
- Smith, Richard, Lancaster, £1.
- Smiths, T. D., Ltd., Lancaster, Box of Apples.
- Soulsby, Mrs. T., Spennymoor, 5s.
- Sowden, J. B., Birkenhead, 10s. 6d.
- Stackhouse, Mrs., Montreal, Canada, 10s.
- Stork, Mrs. C. J. W., Morecambe, 10s. 6d.
- Sudworth, Joseph, Ashton-in-Makerfield, 2s. 6d.
- Sumner, Mrs. G., Whiston, Prescott, 6s.
- Sumner, J. S., Lancaster, Toothbrushes and Oak Sill Brush.
- Sutton, Mrs. W., Farington, near Preston, 5s.
- Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. C. Barrie, Marple, Toys, Games, etc.
- Thornburrow, Misses, Lancaster, Cakes.
- Tibbits, Mrs., Blackpool, 60 small Christmas Parcels.
- Todd, Misses, Lancaster, Games, Scrap Book, Balls, etc.
- Tomkinson, Mrs., Crewe, £1 1s.
- Troughton, H., Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
- Varcoe, Mrs. H. E. J., Lancaster, Box of Sweets.
- Walker, John, Lancaster, Crackers, Picture Books, etc.
- Ward, Mrs. W. H., Lancaster, 10s.
- Ward, William, Batley, 5s.
- Waugh, J. E., Ryton-on-Tyne, £1 for Parcels for Patients.
- Wearing, Miss, Lancaster, £2.
- Webster, Mrs., Bradford, 5s.
- Welch, A. B. S., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples.
- Welch, John, Lancaster, 7s.
- Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £2.
- Wells, G. E., Fulwood, Sheffield, £3 3s.
- Wigley, J. M., Lancaster, 10s. 6d.
- Willis, Miss, Morecambe, Magazines.
- Womersley, Mrs., Halifax, 5s.
- Woodhouse, Mrs. W., Scotforth, Lancaster, Chocolate.
- Wood, Mrs., Ripon, £1.
- Woods, Mrs. R. H., Skerton, Lancaster, Handkerchiefs, Necklet, Bangle, etc.
- Wright, R. S., & Sons, Lancaster, 10s.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1922—23.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Ltd., Lancaster	52	10	0
Mrs. Walker, Edentown, Carlisle, proceeds of Sale of Work ...	52	10	0
Mrs. Arthur Duncan, Westbourne, Otley, Proceeds of special efforts at Otley (1922)	42	17	2
" " " " " (1923)	46	8	8
Sheffield Town Trustees... ..	50	0	0
Miss Fuller, Clifford House, Crewe, proceeds of Flag Day ...	21	6	9
Mrs. Widdrington, Newton Hall, Felton, Northumberland, Part proceeds of Garden Festival (1922)	15	0	0
" " " " " (1923)	25	0	0
Sir William Hartley (the late), 11, Oxford Road, Southport ...	15	15	0
Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid (Charities Fund) (1922) ...	12	10	0
" " " " " (1923)	8	0	0
Mr. W. W. Galloway, The Willows, Ashton-on-Ribble	10	10	0
Messrs. Platt Brothers, Oldham	10	10	0
Reyner Trust Fund, Liverpool... ..	10	10	0
Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Son, Ltd., Leeds	10	10	0
E. P., Bolton	10	0	0
Brighouse Infirmary and Hospitals Committee (1923)	10	0	0
" " " " " (1922)	5	0	0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	7	17	6
Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, Espley Hall, Morpeth	5	5	0
Mr. W. J. Benson, Fourstones-on-Tyne	5	5	0
The Blainscough Colliery Co., Ltd., Coppull	5	5	0
Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Liverpool	5	5	0
Messrs. Joshua Hoyle & Sons, Ltd., Bacup	5	5	0
Mr. Samuel Lamb, Denzell, Altrincham	5	5	0
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Sedgefield Board of Guardians... ..	5	5	0
Miss Webb, West Bank, Bury, proceeds of Police Sports	5	5	0
Bradford Cricket League, Priestley Charity Cup Competition ...	5	0	0
Mr. George Clapperton, Fulwell, Tyldesley, Manchester	5	0	0
Mr. C. F. Clark, Moor Allerton, Leeds	5	0	0
Mr. R. Crossfield, Ford House, Ulverston	5	0	0
Mr. Gerald Garnett, Dolphinhorne	5	0	0
Mr. John G. Peel, 214, Corn Exchange Buildings, Manchester ...	5	0	0
Mr. Robert G. Peel, Moreton Hall, Congleton	5	0	0

CO-OPERATIVE, INDUSTRIAL AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

	£	s.	d.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	21	0	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society	12	12	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society	10	10	0
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society... ..	10	10	0
The Newbold Approved Society, Rochdale	10	0	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society	5	5	0
Bury District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Co-operative Printing Society, Ltd., Manchester	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5	5	0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Huddersfield Industrial Society	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Lancaster District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Stockport Industrial and Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Cleator Moor Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Eccles Provident Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Smaller amounts	121	9	0
	<u>£251</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS, 1922—23.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
“ In memory of Clifford ”	200	0	0
Miss Robinson, West View, St. George's Avenue, Blackpool ...	105	0	0
Mr. J. H. Hinchcliffe, Bramhope, Leeds	21	0	0
Collection at St. Michael-on-Wyre Church, per Rev. H. L. Hornby	11	7	8
Mr. T. L. Paulden, 1a, Balfour Road, Southport	10	10	0
Mrs. H. A. Peckett, Edgerton Grove Road, Huddersfield... ..	10	10	0
Col. J. Sheriff Roberts, The Gables, Curzon Park, Chester ...	10	10	0
Mr. A. B. S. Welch, Strathspey, Lancaster	10	10	0
Mr. C. H. Cook, 12, Albany Road, Southport	5	5	0
Major W. G. Townsend Currie, The Old Hall, Christleton, Chester	5	5	0
Miss E. G. Holt, Mossley Hill, Liverpool	5	5	0
Mr. P. B. Reckitt, East Mount, Sutton, Hull	5	5	0
Miss E. H. Bolton, Leeming, Ullswater	5	0	0
“ Clifford,” Wallasey	5	0	0
Smaller amounts	29	0	8

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

E. P., Bolton	10	0	0
Mr. J. A. Fielden, 8, Cleveland Road, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester	5	0	0
Mr. Samuel Turner, Junr., Springbank, Bamford, Rochdale ...	5	0	0
Trustees of Sir James Reckitt Charity, Hull... ..	4	15	0
Messrs. Wm. Crawford & Sons, Ltd., Fairfield, Liverpool ...	2	2	0
Mr. W. R. Glazebrook, The Lydiate, Willaston	2	2	0
Mr. J. E. Singleton, K.C., M.P., Howick House, Preston ...	2	2	0
The Standard Fireworks Co., Ltd., Huddersfield	2	2	0
Mr. John Welch, 82, Church Street, Lancaster	2	2	0
Under £2 2s. 0d. : 27 at £1 1s. 0d. each	28	7	0
1 at £1 0s. 0d.	1	0	0
8 at 10s. 6d. each	4	4	0
6 at 10s. 0d. each	3	3	0
Smaller amounts	6	18	0

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, LANCASTER, SEPTEMBER 28th,
1923.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Right Hon. LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee) reminded those present that during the afternoon they were to celebrate the eleventh quinquennial festival of the Institution, and the proceedings at that particular meeting would therefore be confined to the actual business which had to be transacted. As Chairman of the Central Committee, he congratulated all connected with the Institution upon a very successful year. Its work and character had been fully maintained, as they would see from the report left by the Visiting Commissioners after their last official inspection. The complimentary nature of this report gave the greatest satisfaction to the Committee, for the Commissioners spoke of the Institution in the highest terms, and were impressed by the sympathetic spirit in which the work amongst the patients was carried on. Personally he could conceive of no better commendation than that, and he thought they could rest assured that they were supporting an Institution which was well conducted and was doing magnificent work in a most satisfactory manner. In moving the adoption of the Annual Report, Lord Richard Cavendish said that for the moment their financial position was good, but important developments were contemplated which would greatly enhance the usefulness of the Institution, and they were consequently as urgently in need of funds as they had ever been during the past fifty-nine years.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. WM. BRIGGS (Chairman of the Finance Committee), who seconded, said he was glad their Chairman had reminded them that although they were in funds at present they would shortly have very heavy commitments to meet. In the near future they would have to face an actual outlay of £15,000, so that the necessity for financial support was as urgent as ever. Their intention was to provide two new blocks, one for forty boys and the other for forty girls.

ELEVENTH QUINQUENNIAL FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1923.

The annual general meeting was followed immediately by the public meeting in connection with the eleventh quinquennial festival, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish again presiding.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In his address as President, LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH recalled the fact that they had to forgo the celebration of the quinquennial festival which should have been held five years ago, the war then being still in progress. Consequently a period of ten years had elapsed since the last quinquennial celebration, and during that time their Institution, like every other undertaking of a similar

nature throughout the country, had had to go through a very difficult time. They had had ups and downs of fortune, and during the critical years of war, and more especially during the years immediately succeeding the war, their difficulties had been extremely great. They owed a great debt of gratitude to the members of the staff for their ungrudging assistance and unfailing response to the demands made upon them. Although the industrial position of the country left much to be desired, and trade and commerce were in a critical condition, he believed that the corner had been turned and that better times would follow the period of depression. But the effect upon voluntary subscriptions, which were much curtailed, was serious, and the past ten years had greatly strained their resources. There was no decrease in the demands upon their services, but there was a great diminution in the amount of support they could obtain from outside. Their expenditure mounted with the rapid advance in the cost of living, but their receipts did not rise proportionately, and consequently during the war years they had to face very great difficulties. They hoped that these critical times had ended, and that they might be able to face the future with assurance and confidence.

PROGRESS OF THE INSTITUTION.

On that occasion, he would like to call attention to the progress which the Institution had made during the past half-century. Fifty years ago, when Lord Derby presided over the first quinquennial festival in 1873, they had 141 patients, and an income of £5,523. To-day they had 800 patients with an income of £55,042. From a comparatively small beginning they had grown into a really big national concern. The responsibilities of the Committee had increased with the rapid growth of the Institution, but they always endeavoured to keep abreast of the times and to cope with any demands modern science might make upon them. The latest development was the Cavendish Reception House, the foundation-stone of which was to be laid that afternoon, and he took it as a great honour that his name was to be associated with this new building, which would cost, apart from furnishing, some £6,700. Then the Committee were pledged to proceed with the erection of a custodial block for low-grade cases at an estimated cost of £7,000 or £8,000, so that in the near future they would have to meet a capital outlay of about £15,000. The claims of the Institution for continued support were therefore as pressing as ever.

RENEWED APPEAL.

Public bodies would no doubt make greater use of the powers conferred upon them by Parliament, but their work would only be supplemental and would not displace the work of Institutions such as the Royal Albert. He had the utmost confidence in asking them to support its claims, as he firmly believed that for many years to come its needs would be as urgent as ever they had been in the past. He felt convinced that the Royal Albert would never lack the support it so richly deserved.

CAUSES OF FEEBLE-MINDEDNESS.

An interesting address was given by SIR FREDERICK MOTT, K.B.E., LL.D., M.D., F.R.S., who gave particulars of his investigations into the causes of mental defect. He found that the fathers of normal children were usually in continuous employment; they were earning good wages, their houses were clean and tidy, and the mothers were intelligent. On the other hand, he found that the fathers of defective children were either out of employment or working as casual labourers, and few of them were of good type. Their houses were poverty stricken, and relief was being received from the guardians. It was not only poverty caused by lack of money, but poverty of intelligence and ideals, poverty

in all directions. It was through no fault on the part of the mentally-defective that they were brought into the world. Society was largely to blame, and the question was what they were to do. During the war he had charge of a neurological clearing-station, and saw many men recorded as unfit both physically and mentally, and he was sorry that these mental cases did not receive sufficient consideration. Still one must realise that the flower of our youth was cut off, and the result was that the struggle for existence by natural selection was not taking place. It could not take place in a civilised population guided by altruistic sentiments. The number of mentally-defective persons in England and Wales was estimated at about 150,000, of whom 66,000 were unprovided for; but it was well known that the high-grade imbecile, the most dangerous of all, was highly prolific, and therefore something must be done to segregate such children early. He did not think the public would like the idea of sterilisation, which had been advocated in the United States of America and dropped. The feeble-minded were not capable of competing with their fellows in the struggle for existence, and what he advocated was that they should segregate these defective children in an Institution such as that before they had had experience of the world.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Speaking of the Royal Albert Institution and its work, he was greatly impressed by the contentment on the faces of the inmates. There might not be intelligence, but if they saw contentment it went a long way towards showing that the inmates were humanely treated. Their excellent Superintendent, Dr. Coupland, for whom he had the greatest respect, was not only a great physician but a very humane man, and it was humanity they wanted in the conduct of such an Institution as that. He was delighted to see many of the inmates engaged in manual occupations, for if they could only get them interested it was possible to develop what faculties they had. Referring in detail to various departments he was particularly impressed by the excellence of the Storey Home, while with the Farm Colony he was also greatly pleased. At the Rodgett Infirmary, he was glad to see verandahs were in use, for he was a great believer in fresh-air treatment. Regarding the treatment of the teeth, this was an important matter also, for it had been claimed that the toxins from defective teeth were responsible for much insanity. He certainly did think that the absorption of chronic poison by people who had a low physiological margin to work upon was a very important factor for consideration, and that by attention to the teeth and the removal of septic conditions much good could be done, as well as by attention to tonsils and adenoids.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

With regard to the mentally-defective, there was no possibility of effecting anything that could be described as a permanent cure. In the absence of an anatomical substratum of mind, they could not expect much alteration by treatment; all that could be done was to develop such limited faculties as their patients possessed, and keep them healthy, happy and contented. If they could only get the children when young, they were less likely to feel the hardship of segregation, but it was wonderful how the mother's natural instinct clung to the poor defective child, and how she would sacrifice the rest of the family by paying disproportionate regard to it compared with the others. This led to a great deal of resentment and jealousy on the part of the other children, and therefore he thought that where possible the child should be taken early to such an Institution as that. With the work of the Royal Albert he was deeply impressed.

ENDORSEMENT OF APPEAL.

Mr. C. F. TETLEY (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), in moving the first resolution, which congratulated the members and subscribers upon the success and progress of the Institution, gratefully acknowledged the generous support hitherto forthcoming, and cordially endorsed the Central Committee's appeal for the additional income required for the further extension of their beneficent work, pointed out that, accepting the Royal Commission's estimate, there were in England and Wales nearly 150,000 mental defectives, of whom 66,500 were urgently in need of suitable care, whereas the number provided for had risen from nearly 7,000 in 1916 to not quite 16,000 in 1922. But as skill in diagnosis increased it would probably be found that the ascertained number of defectives in the community would advance more rapidly than in the past. Consequently those interested in the Institution must do their utmost to induce the great County and Municipal Authorities to co-operate with them in making their work as united and effective as possible. Alluding to the difficulties of securing an adequate staff, he thought it should be recognised that their work was as truly vocational as that of missionaries, and that it conferred honour on those who took part in it. If the future of the Institution was to equal its great past, and if their projects were to be carried through successfully, they must call upon the public to assist them as generously as heretofore. Theirs was a worthy work, and should not be hampered by shortage of funds.

FUTURE EXPANSION.

Mr. W. G. WELCH (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), who seconded the resolution, said that during the period of rising prices which accompanied and followed the war the Institution passed through a difficult and anxious time. These difficulties had now in great measure been overcome, and therefore they were asking their subscribers to help them to continue the policy of their founders by expanding the usefulness of the Institution and extending the sphere and efficiency of its work. They had decided that they ought to extend in the direction of providing suitable accommodation for custodial cases, and twelve months ago the Committee came to the conclusion that as soon as funds allowed they would begin by the erection of a building for the reception of low-grade girls. They hoped to be in a position to follow this by the provision of a similar building for low-grade boys; and in entering upon this large expenditure they relied upon the sympathy, encouragement and support of their subscribers. This had never failed them in the past and he felt sure it would not do so in the future. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Welch recalled the fact that Mr. Tetley and his late father had been associated with the work of the Institution ever since the year 1865. Mr. Tetley had since served as Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Committee, of which he was now Chairman; while in 1908 he accepted the Chairmanship of the Yorkshire Committee, his appointment as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee following a year later. He had been a splendid helper in every way. There was much for which they had to thank their founders, whose work was based on sound principles, and so long as the Institution was guided by those principles its continued success was assured.

In supporting the resolution, the MAYOR OF LANCASTER (Ald. J. E. Oglethorpe) said that although the Royal Albert Institution belonged to the seven northern counties Lancaster people claimed a special interest in it. It had its origin in a donation given by Mr. James Brunton, who was a Lancaster man, and Dr. Edward Denis de Vitré, one of their Lancaster doctors, was the most prominent of its founders, so that without forgetting wider interests Lancaster could still claim it as a local charity. Lancaster had much to be

proud of in its old castle and long history, but there was nothing of which they were prouder than they were of the Royal Albert Institution.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The successful and disinterested efforts of the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Ladies' Associations, and the valuable services of the County and Local Committees, were most gratefully acknowledged in a resolution proposed by Mr. G. D. KILLEY (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), who said that from thirty years' experience he could testify to the deep interest taken in the Institution's invaluable work by great numbers of those resident in the Liverpool area of South Lancashire. They were proud of their county town, and thought that one of its noblest ornaments was the Royal Albert Institution. The Committee had laid down a programme, and had accepted the responsibility for raising the funds required to carry through that programme in its entirety. They were deeply grateful to the ladies and gentlemen who had helped them so nobly, and earnestly pleaded for continued support. Their lady workers were represented at that meeting by Mrs. Shafto, to whose energy and enthusiasm he wished to pay a warm tribute.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. E. SINGLETON, K.C., M.P. (Lancaster), and carried unanimously. Mr. Singleton said that their helpers and collectors did not need or ask for thanks, but on such an occasion it was fitting that their very valuable services should receive special recognition. Their reward was the knowledge that they were doing so much to help those less fortunately placed than themselves.

Mrs. C. D. SHAFTO, O.B.E. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Durham Ladies' Association), in acknowledging the resolution, said she was proud to be asked to respond on behalf of those who were working and collecting for the Institution. Many of her collectors and helpers were most enthusiastic, but if they could have been present with her on that occasion this would have served as an inspiration to do even more to assist the Institution and to further the plans for the expansion and continued development of its work.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Upon the motion of Sir NORVAL W. HELME (Lancaster) and Prof. G. R. MURRAY, M.D., D.L. (Manchester), cordial votes of thanks were passed to Lord Richard Cavendish for presiding, to Lady Moyra Cavendish for distributing long-service medals to eighteen members of the staff, and to Sir Frederick Mott for his address. Brief acknowledgments were made by the CHAIRMAN and Sir FREDERICK MOTT, Lord Richard Cavendish adding an expression of the Central Committee's appreciation of the services of the Medical Superintendent, the Secretary, and the officers, teachers, attendants and other members of the staff. He was glad to hear what had been said as to the contented appearance of the inmates and the happy relationship between the staff and patients.

CAVENDISH RECEPTION HOUSE.

Those present then proceeded to the site of the Cavendish Reception House, the foundation-stone of which was laid by LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH with an engraved silver trowel presented for the purpose. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Ven. P. J. HORNBY (Archdeacon of Lancaster).



ASHTON WING: NEW VERANDAHS



HERBERT STOREY WORKSHOPS: TOYMAKING DEPARTMENT

